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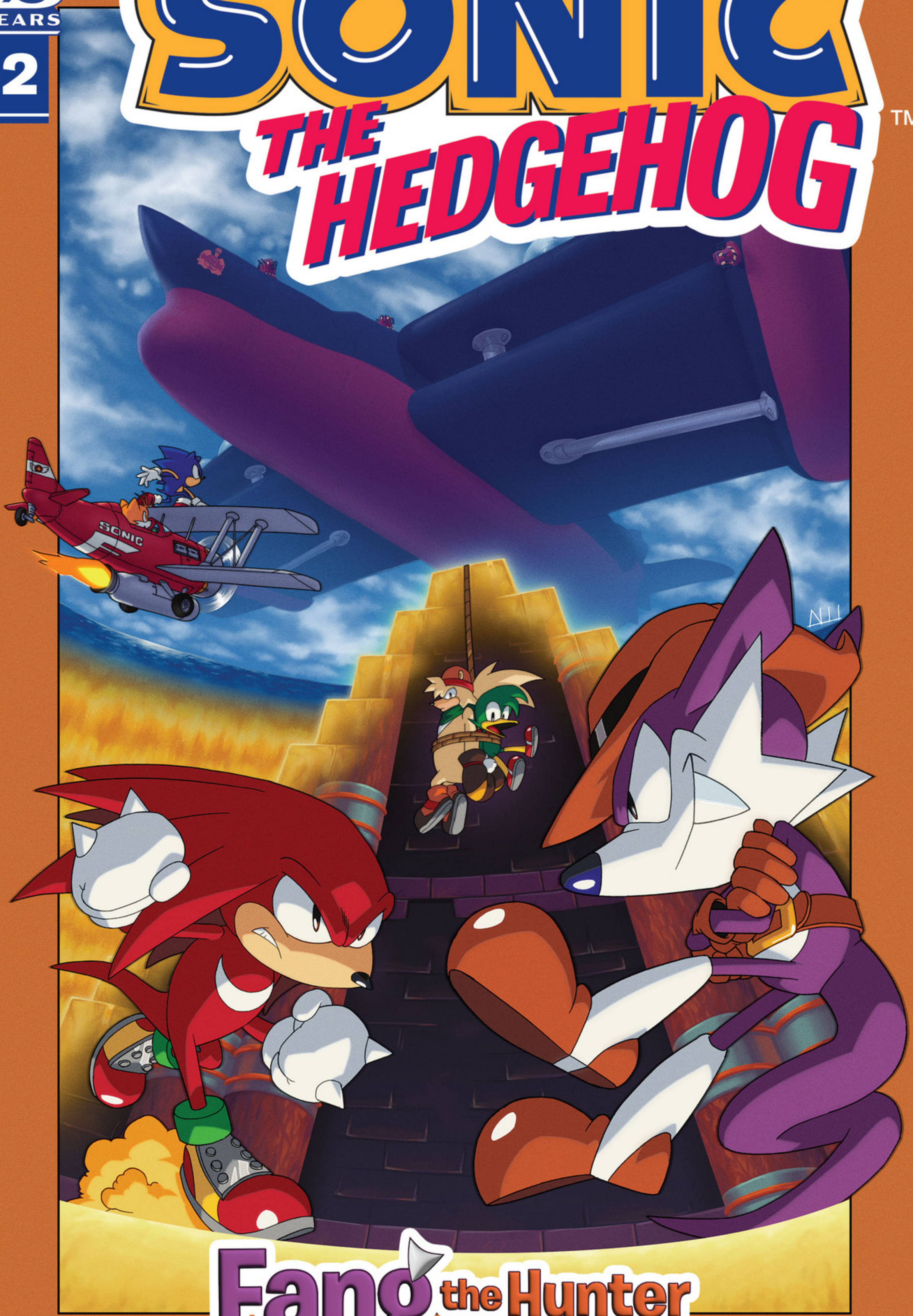

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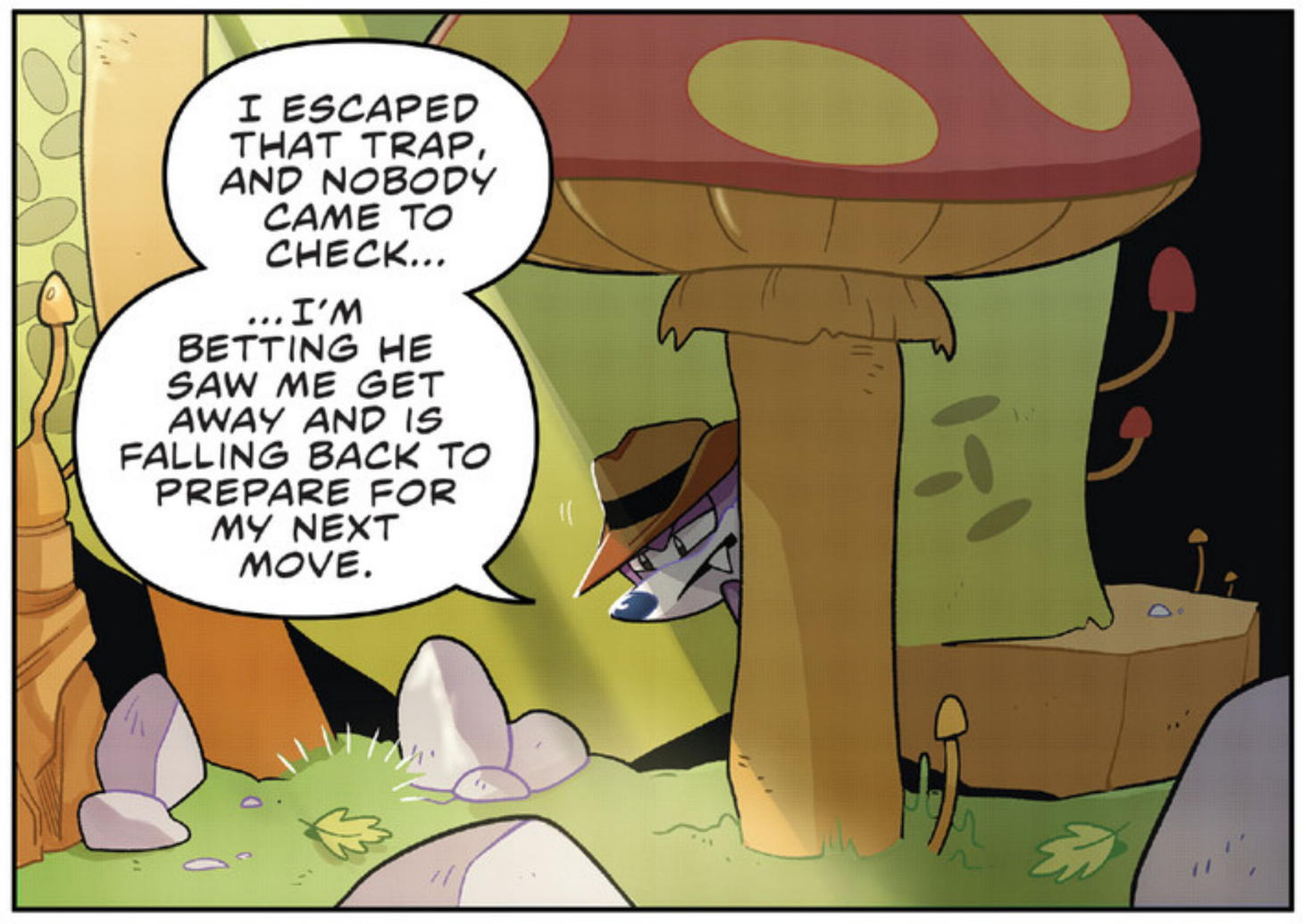
MUSHROOM HILL ZONE, ANGEL ISLAND.
AHHH! NO! NO! NO!
SLAM
CRACK
SLAM
I CAME HERE TO HUNT DOWN KNUCKLES! INSTEAD, HE'S HUNTING ME!

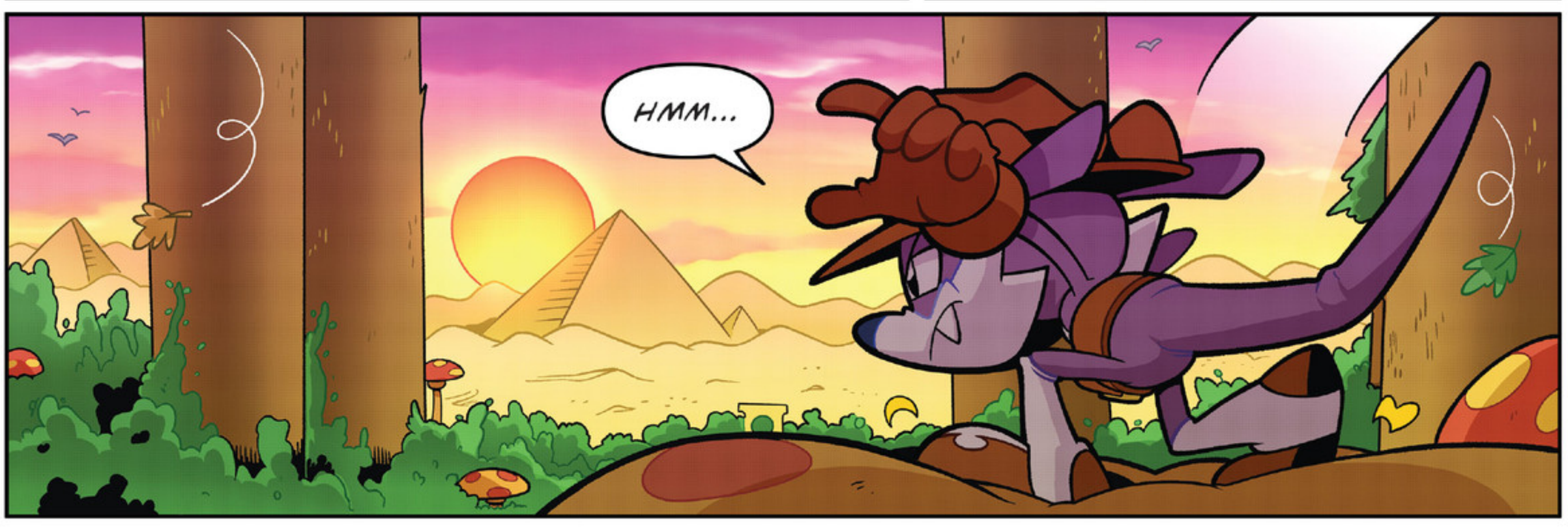
HE ALREADY TRACKED DOWN AND CAUGHT BEAN AND BARK...

...NOBODY TAKES FROM ME!
I'M THE TAKER OF THINGS! I'M FANG THE HUNTER, NOT FANG THE HUNTED!


I ESCAPED THAT TRAP, AND NOBODY CAME TO CHECK...
...I'M BETTING HE SAW ME GET AWAY AND IS FALLING BACK TO PREPARE FOR MY NEXT MOVE.

IT'S WHAT I'D DO...

QUESTION IS, WHERE WOULD HE FALL BACK TO?


HMM...

SANDOPOLIS ZONE.

I WONDER HOW MANY PRICELESS RELICS I COULD FIND OUT HERE...

NO! KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE PRIZE!

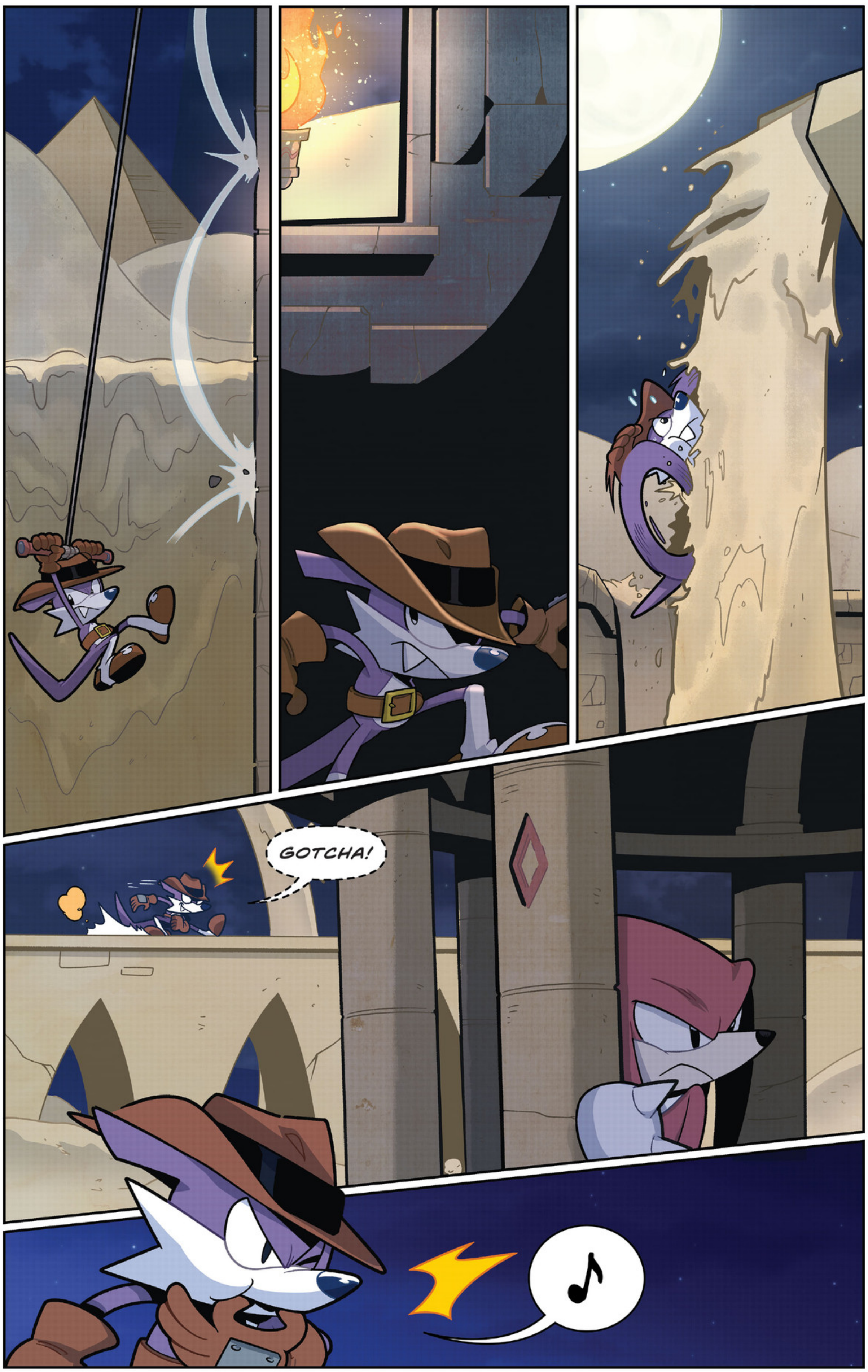
I'M GONNA FIND THAT EIGHTH CHAOS EMERALD!

TO DO THAT, I NEED MY FLUNKIES. TO GET THEM, I NEED TO BEAT KNUCKLES.

IF I WERE HIM, I'D TAKE THE HIGH GROUND.

WATCH FOR MY APPROACH AS I TRY TO AVOID PITFALLS AND TRAPS.

TIME TO SUBVERT SOME EXPECTATIONS!


GOTCHA!
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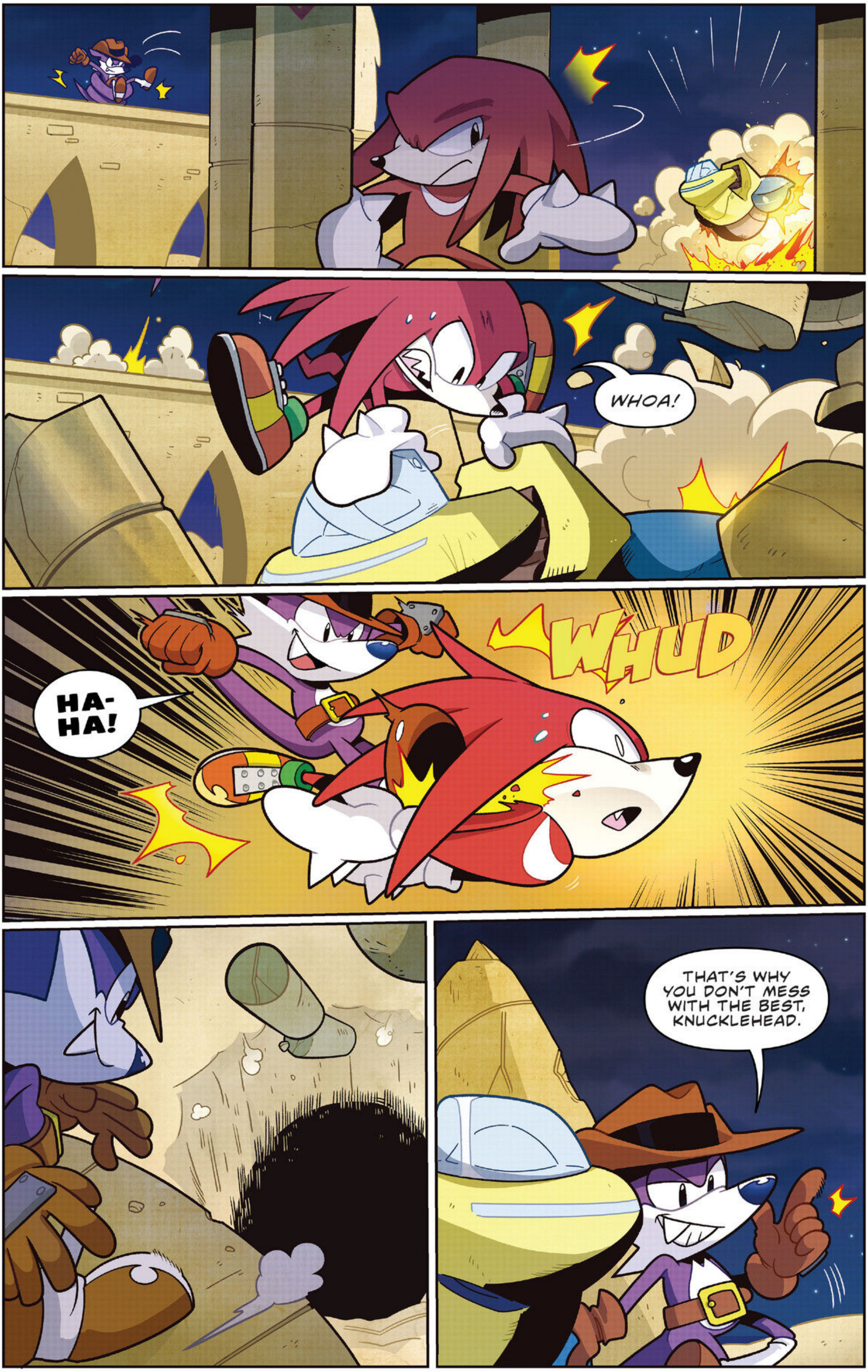
WHOA!
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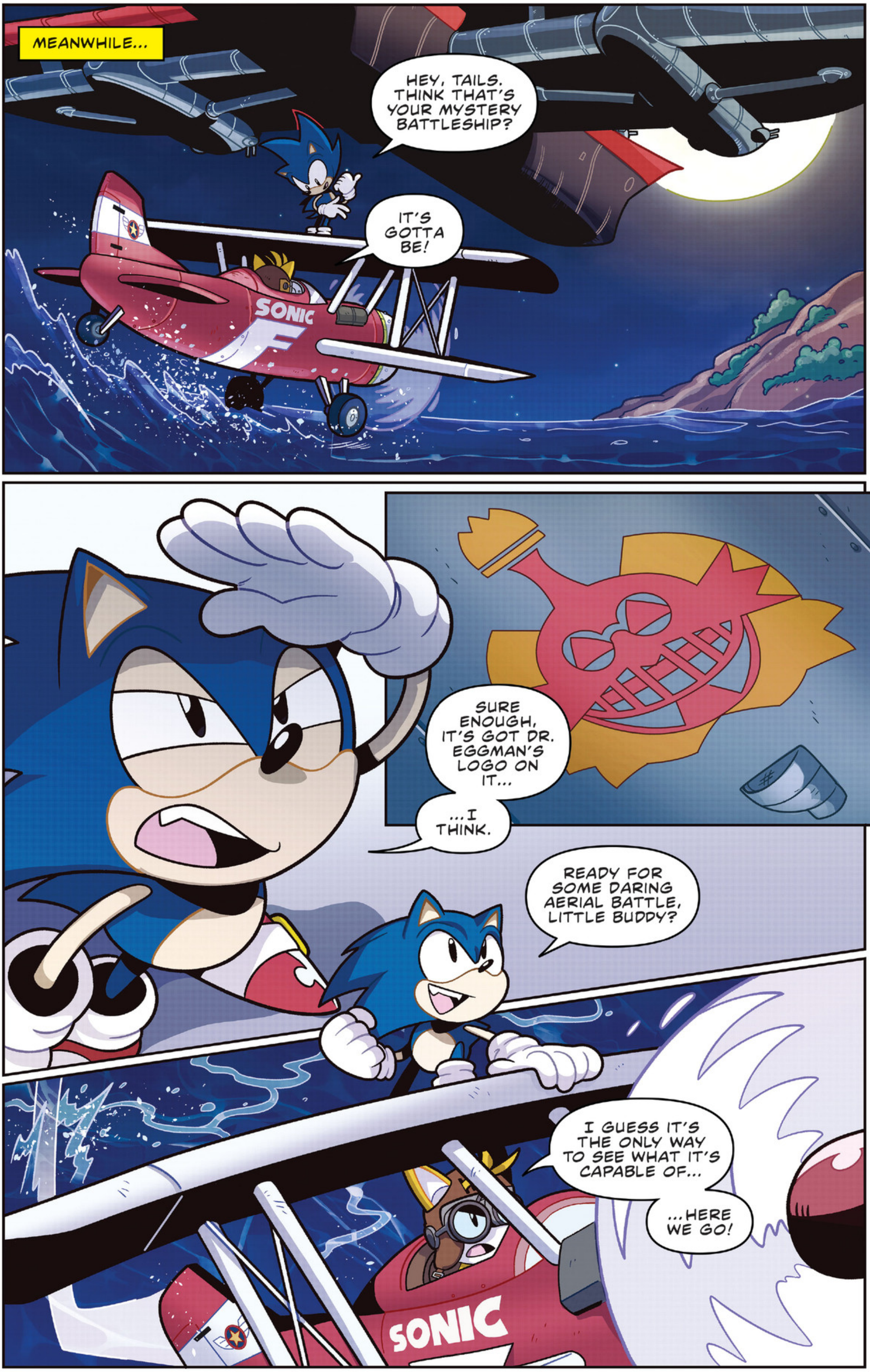
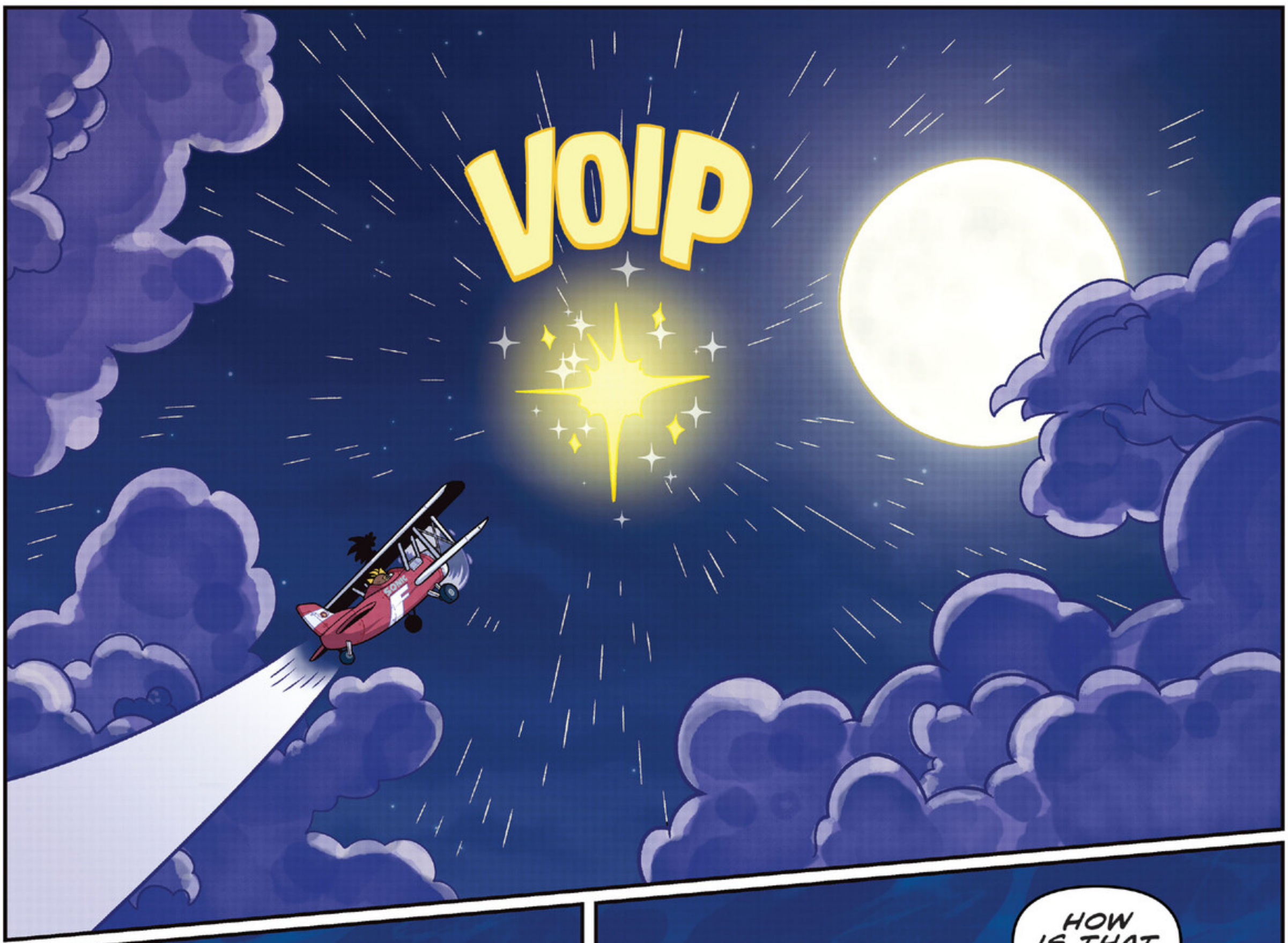
HA-HA!
THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE BEST, KNUCKLEHEAD.

NOT BAD, KNUCKLEHEAD. ON TO ROUND TWO!


MEANWHILE...
HEY, TAILS. THINK THAT'S YOUR MYSTERY BATTLESHIP?
IT'S GOTTA BE!
SONIC
SURE ENOUGH, IT'S GOT DR. EGGMAN'S LOGO ON IT...
...I THINK.
READY FOR SOME DARING AERIAL BATTLE, LITTLE BUDDY?
I GUESS IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SEE WHAT IT'S CAPABLE OF...
...HERE WE GO!
SONIC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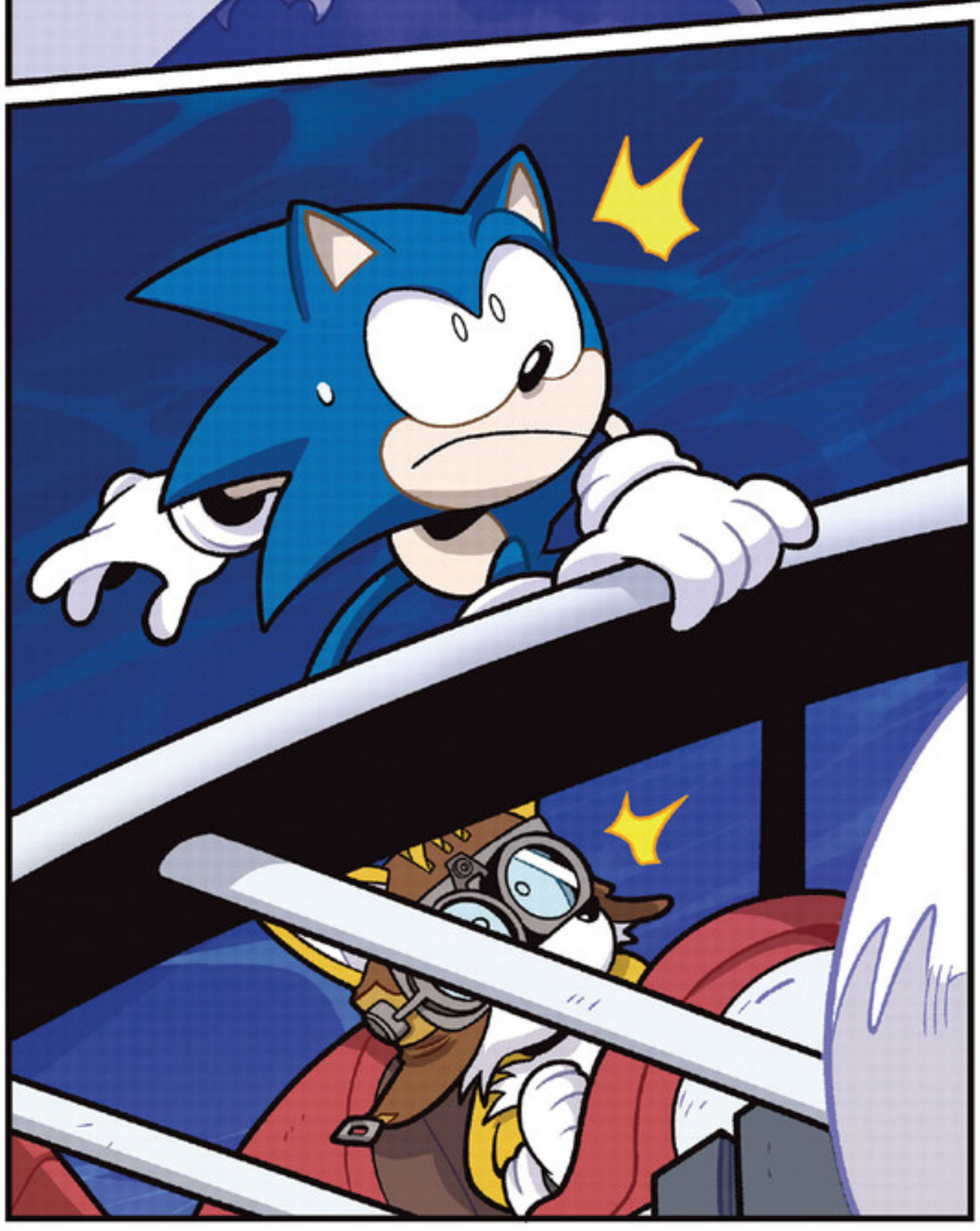

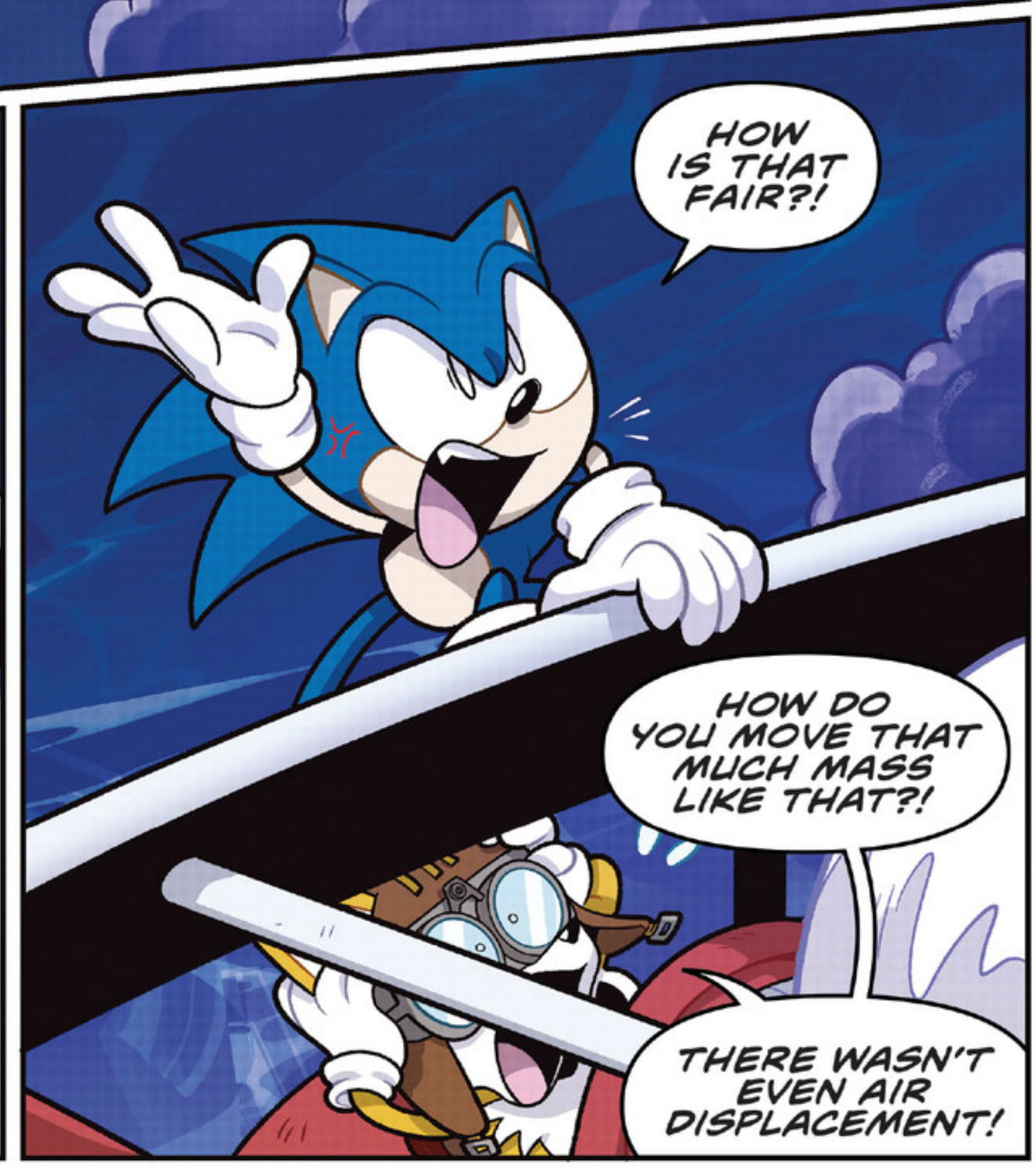
HOW IS THAT FAIR?!
HOW DO YOU MOVE THAT MUCH MASS LIKE THAT?!
THERE WASN'T EVEN AIR DISPLACEMENT!

NOW I'M REALLY INTERESTED IN WHAT'S GOING ON HERE. ANY WAY TO TRACK THIS GHOST PLANE DOWN?
I'LL ANALYZE MY SCANNER DATA AS SOON AS WE'RE BACK AT THE WORKSHOP.
THEN LET'S HURRY IT UP!

BACK IN SANDOPOLIS...
BACK OFF, YOU POLTER-GOONS!
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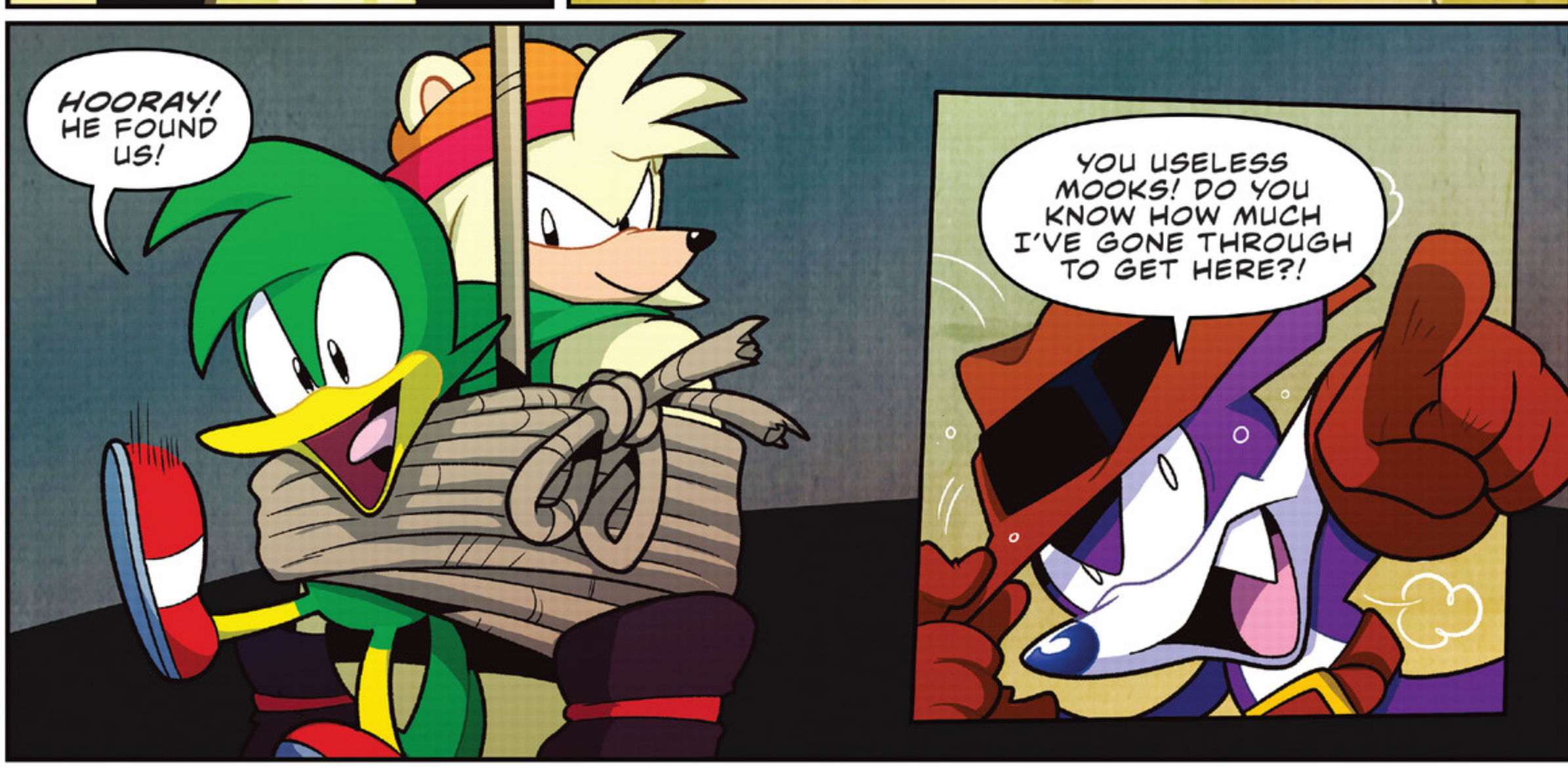
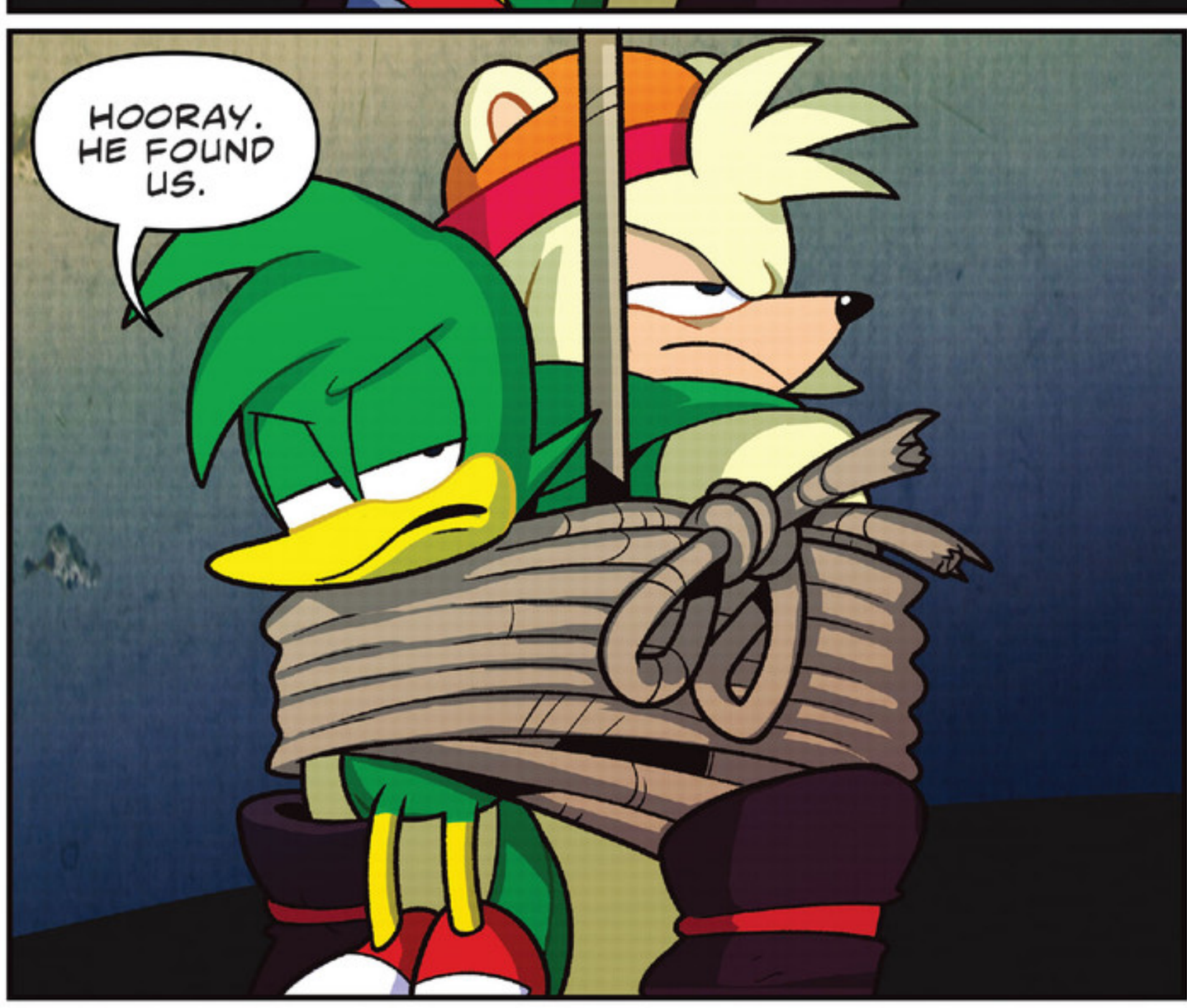
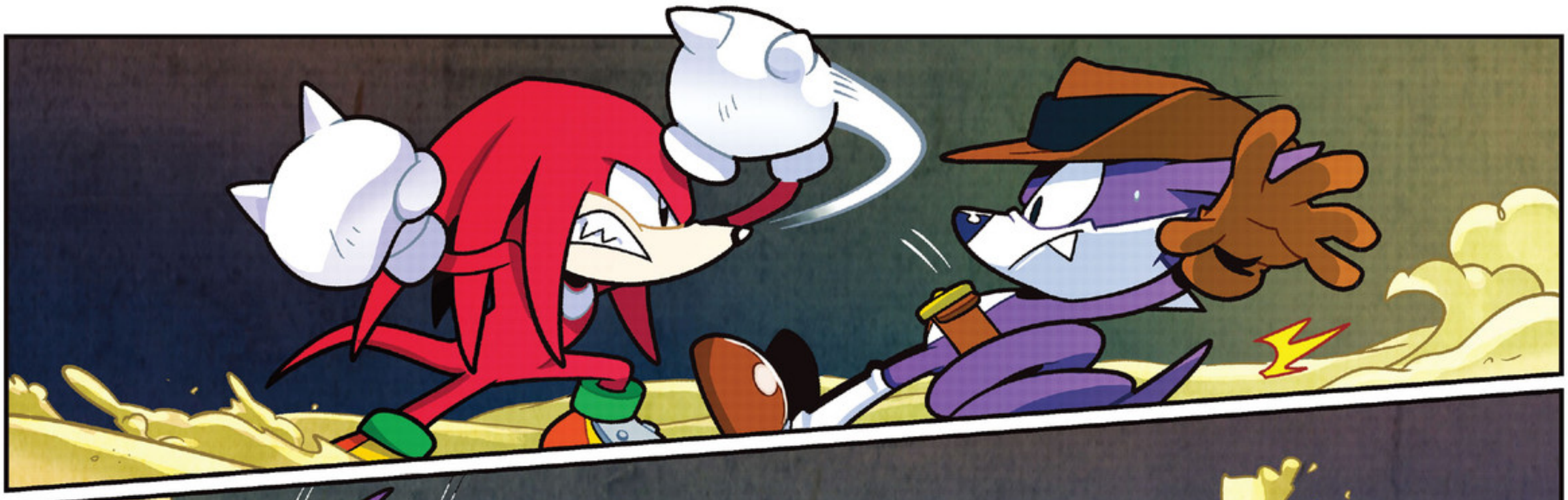
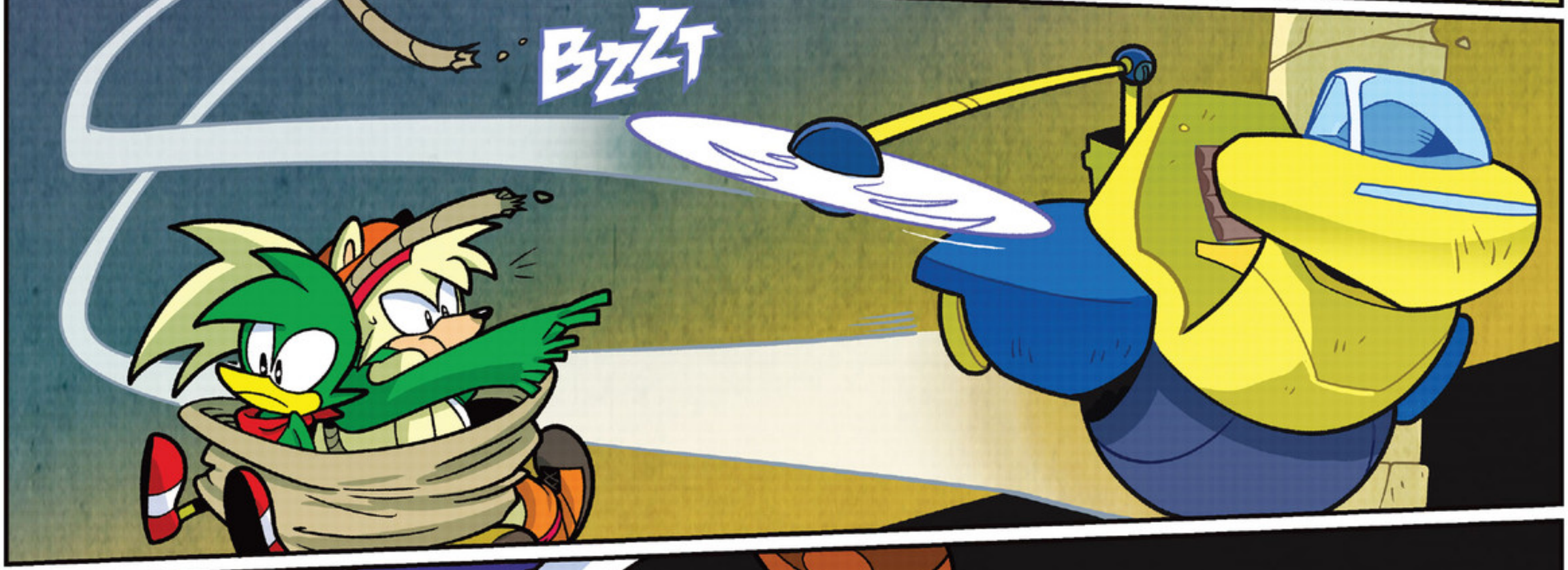
HA! TAKE THAT!
NOBODY MESSES WITH THE BEST!
POW


HOORAY! HE FOUND US!
YOU USELESS MOOKS! DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I'VE GONE THROUGH TO GET HERE?!


HOORAY. HE FOUND US.

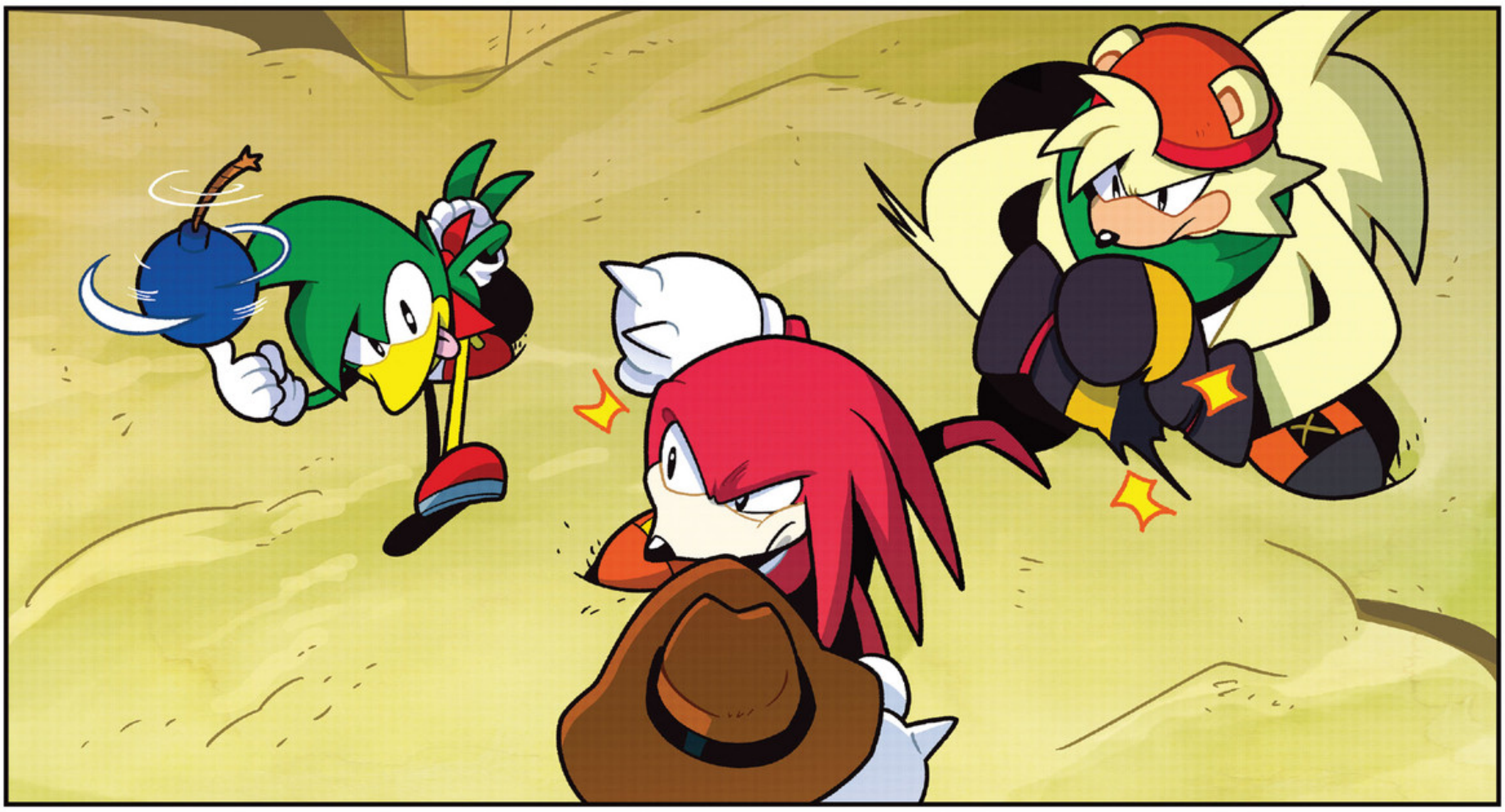
NO TIME FOR GAMES. I'M FINISHING THIS!

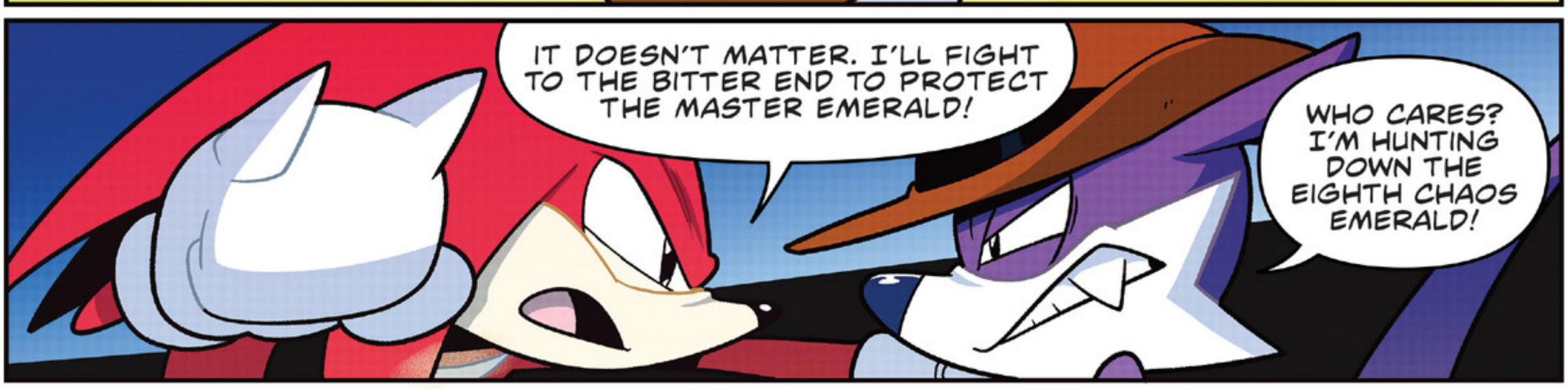


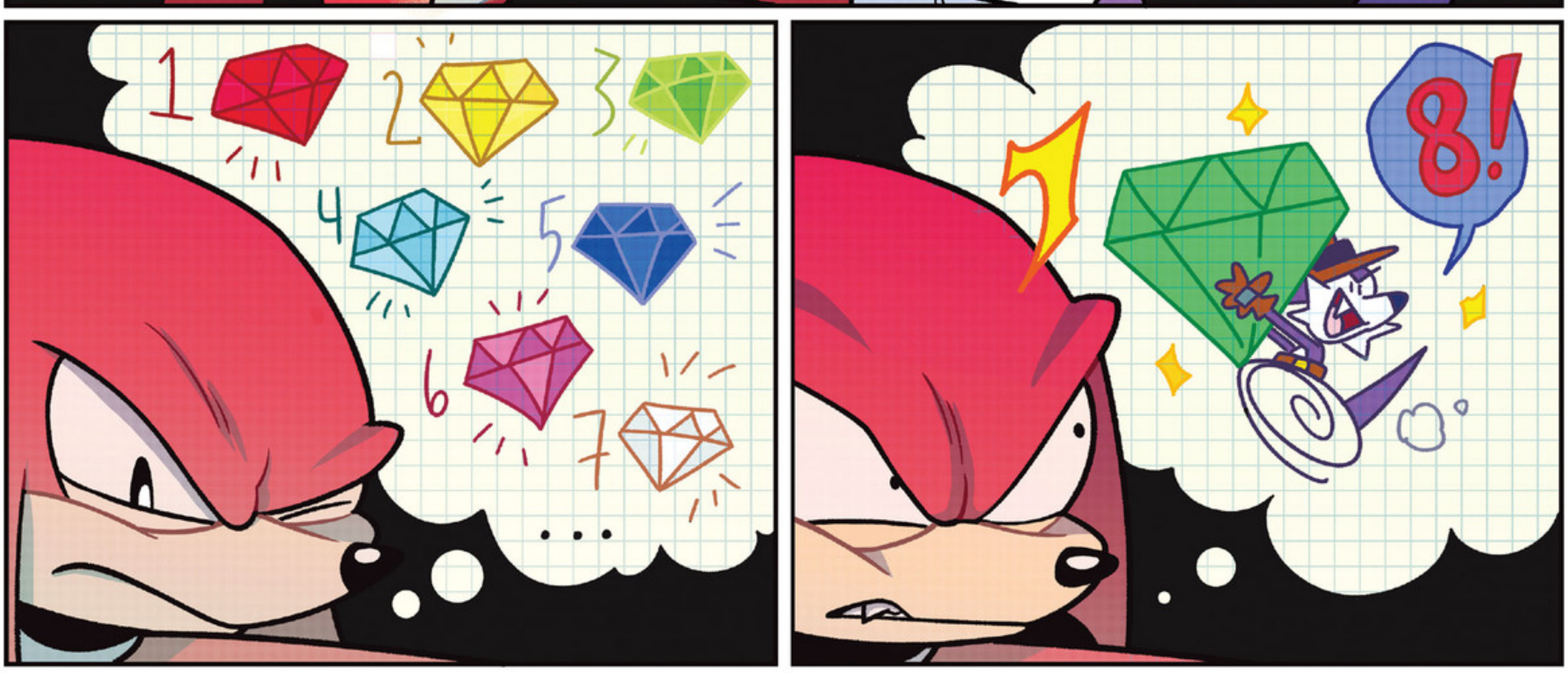

BZZT

POW

IT'S OVER!
YEAH... FOR YOU!




IT DOESN'T MATTER. I'LL FIGHT TO THE BITTER END TO PROTECT THE MASTER EMERALD!
WHO CARES? I'M HUNTING DOWN THE EIGHTH CHAOS EMERALD!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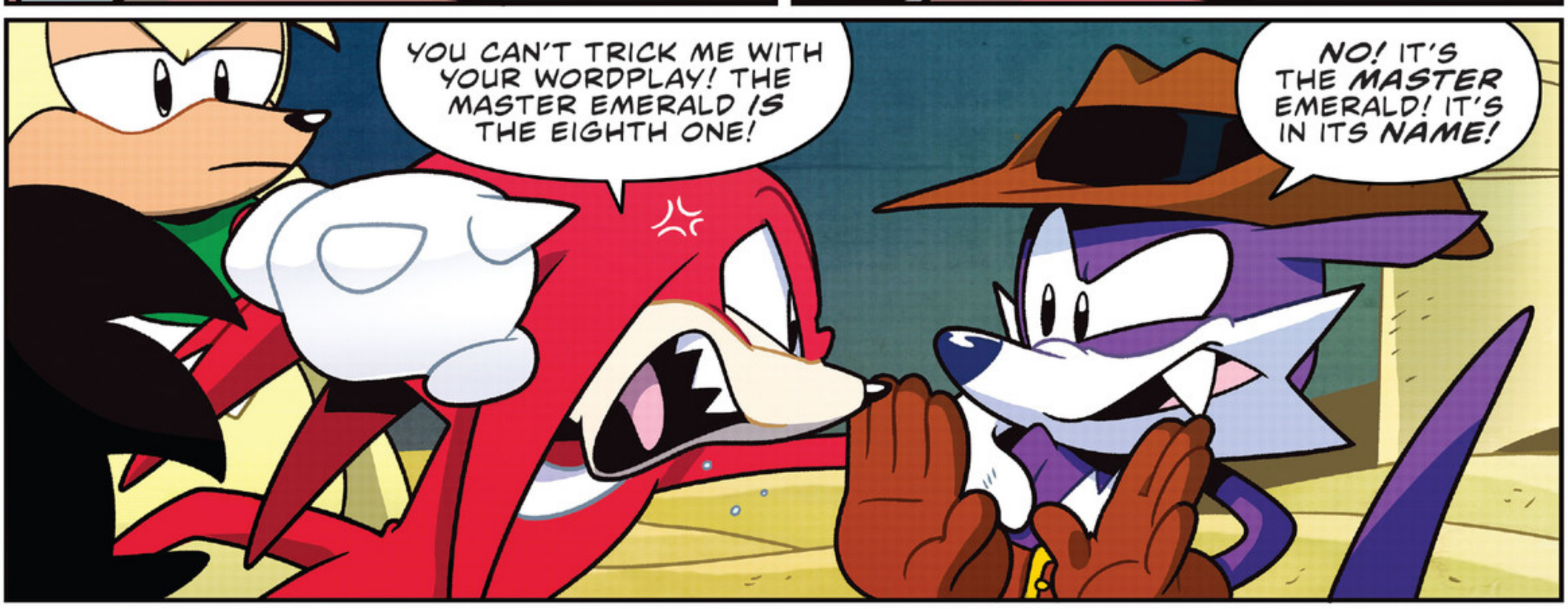
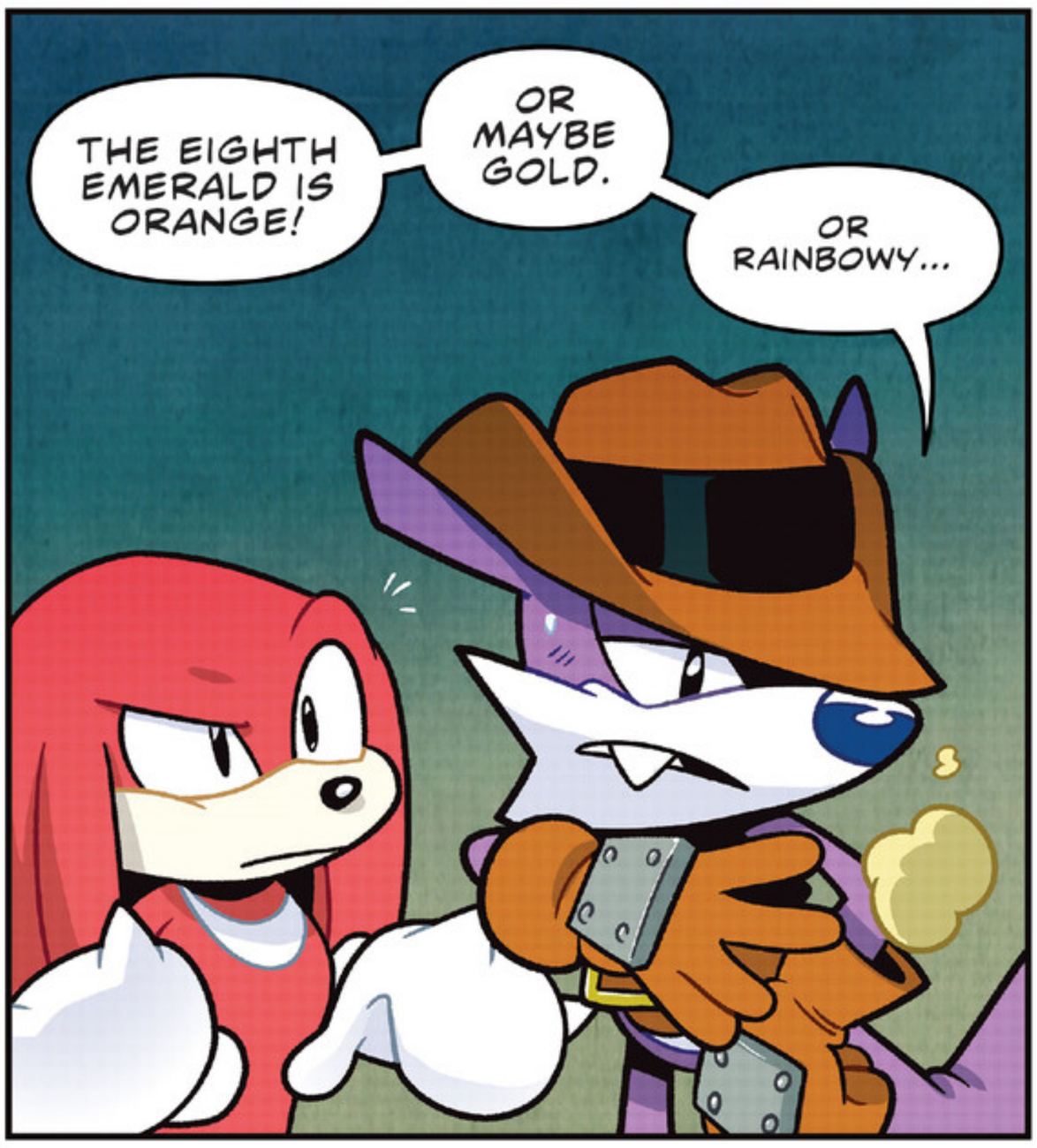
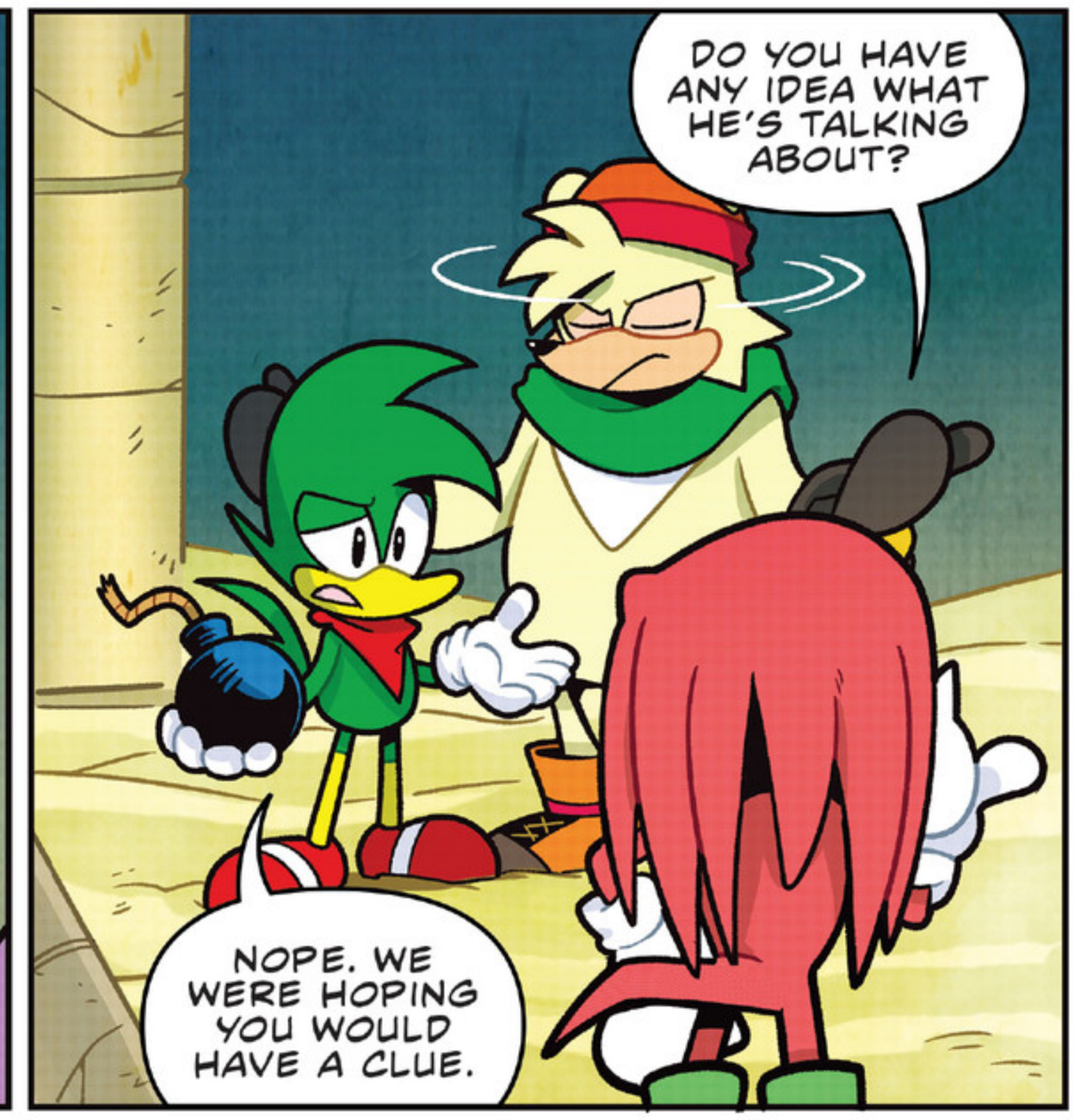
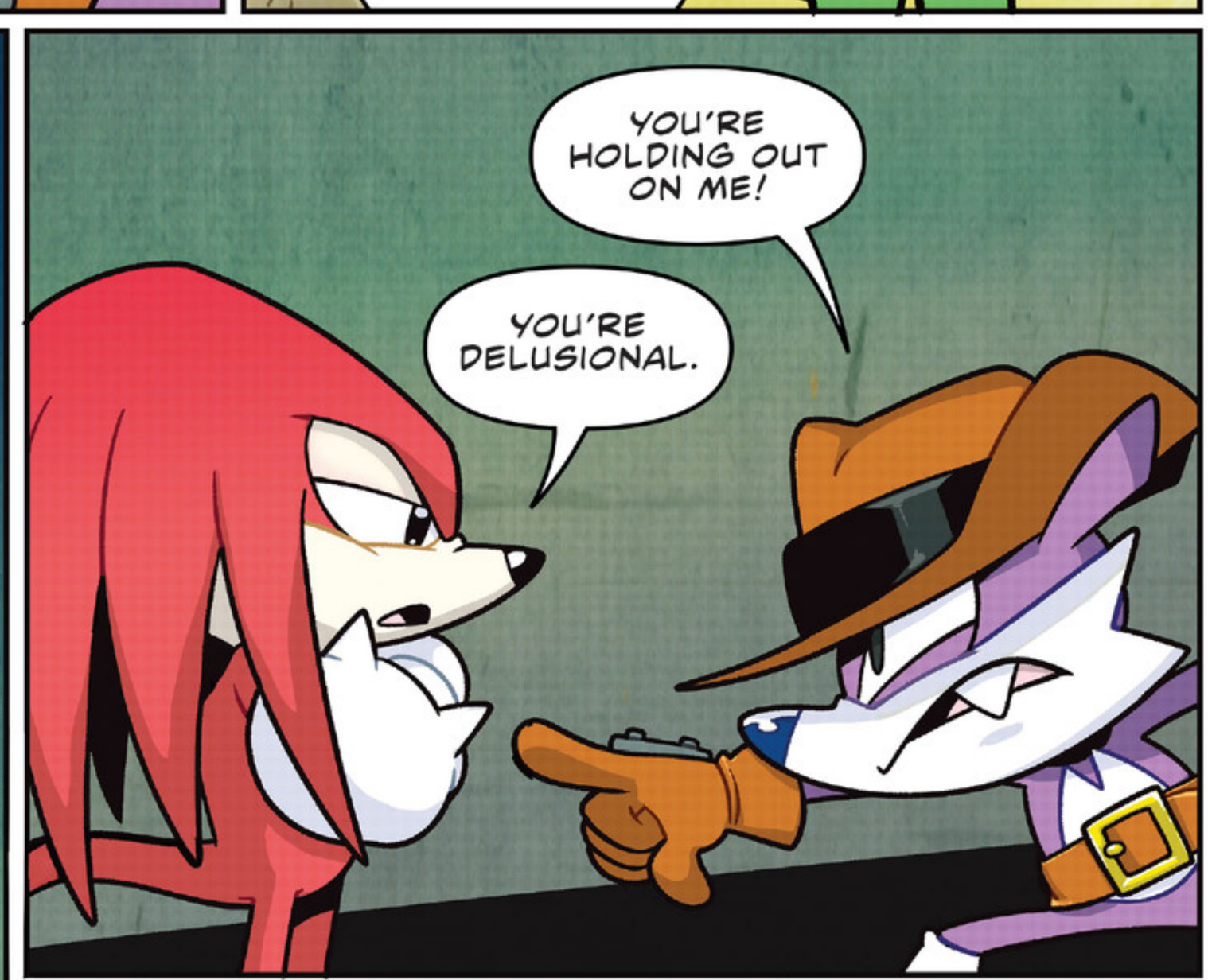
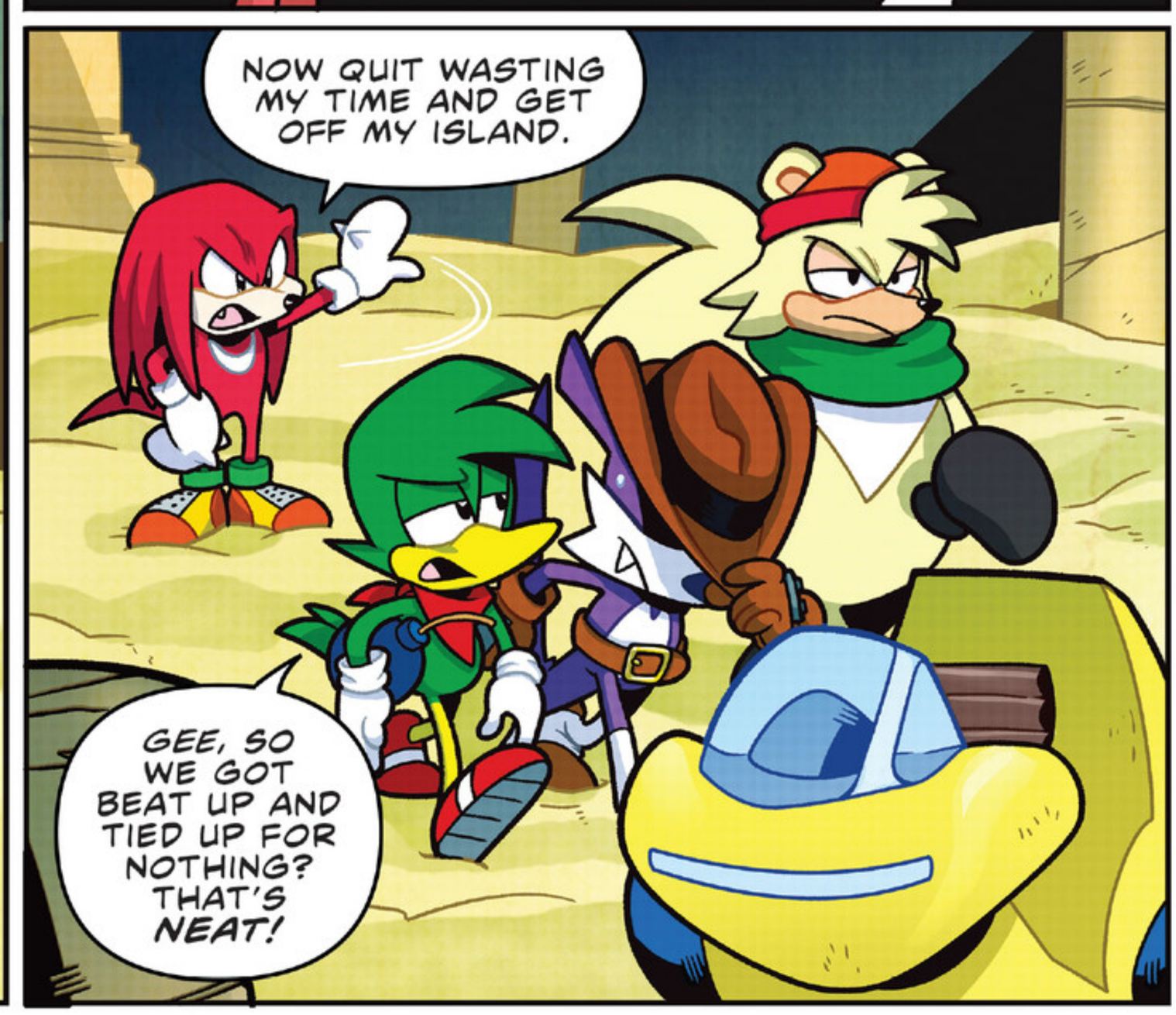

YOU CAN'T TRICK ME WITH YOUR WORDPLAY! THE MASTER EMERALD *IS* THE EIGHTH ONE!
NO! IT'S THE *MASTER* EMERALD! IT'S IN ITS *NAME!*

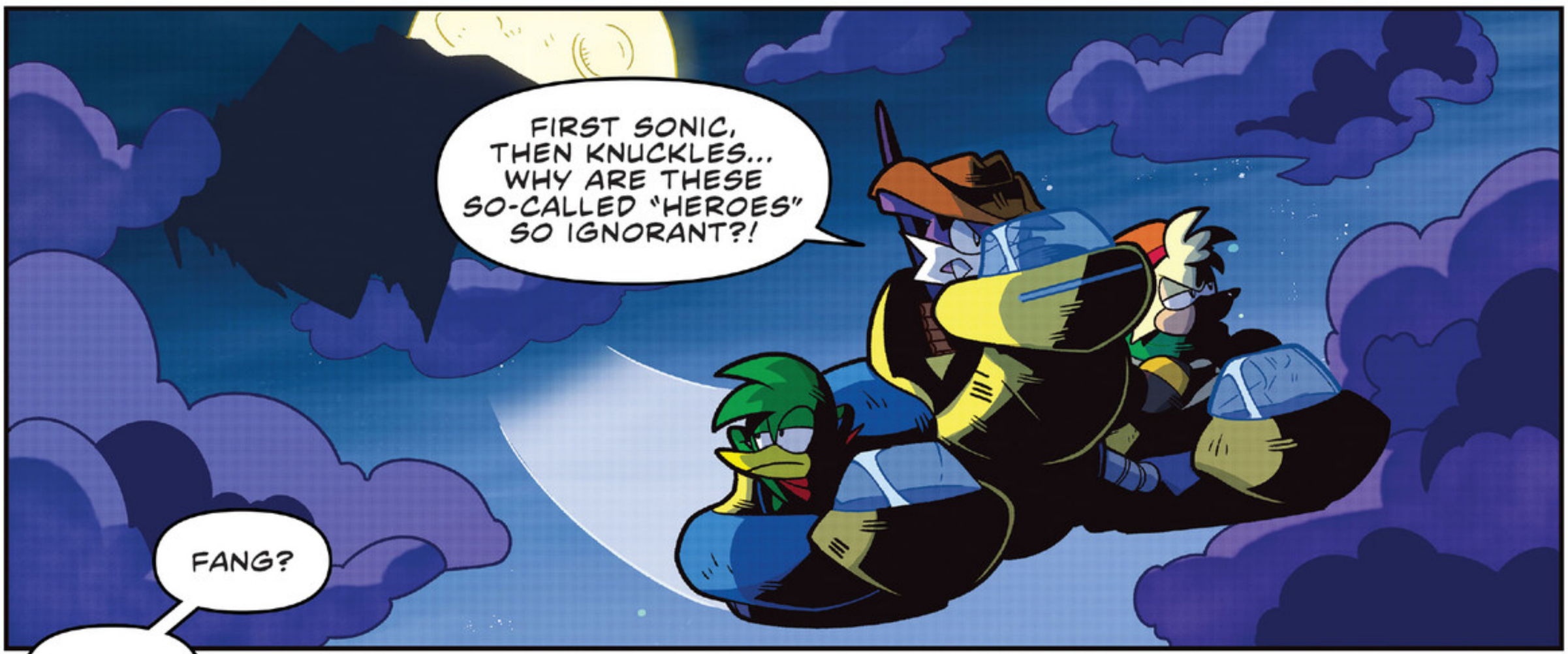

THE EIGHTH EMERALD IS ORANGE!
OR MAYBE GOLD.
OR RAINBOWY...

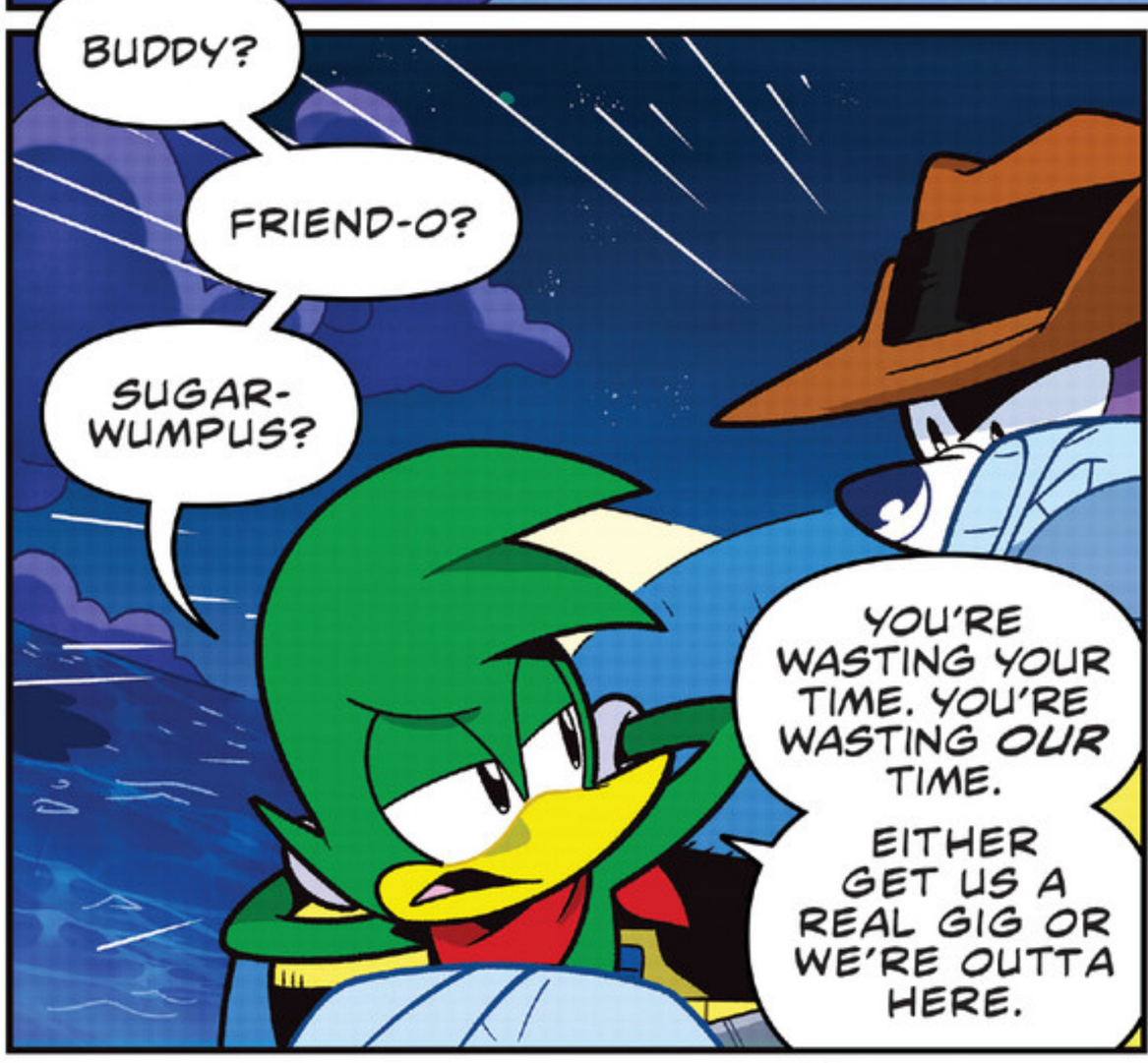

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT?
NOPE. WE WERE HOPING YOU WOULD HAVE A CLUE.

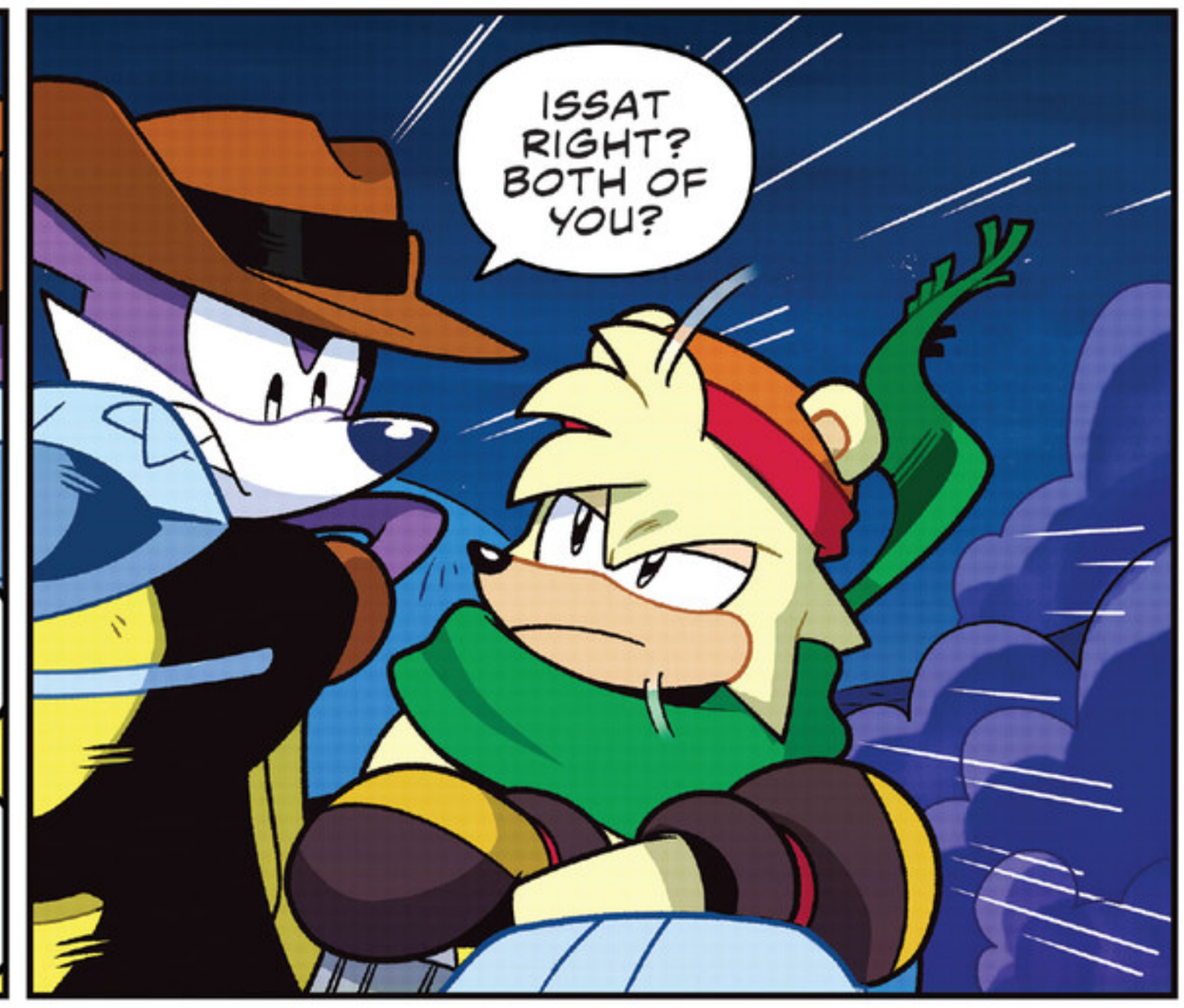
I SPEND EVERY WAKING MOMENT LOOKING AFTER ONE EMERALD. WHY WOULD I WANT TO ADD TO THAT? AND I DON'T LEAVE THE ISLAND IF I DON'T HAVE TO.
WHEN WOULD I HAVE HAD TIME TO HUNT DOWN SOME FAIRY TALE?


YOU'RE HOLDING OUT ON ME!
YOU'RE DELUSIONAL.

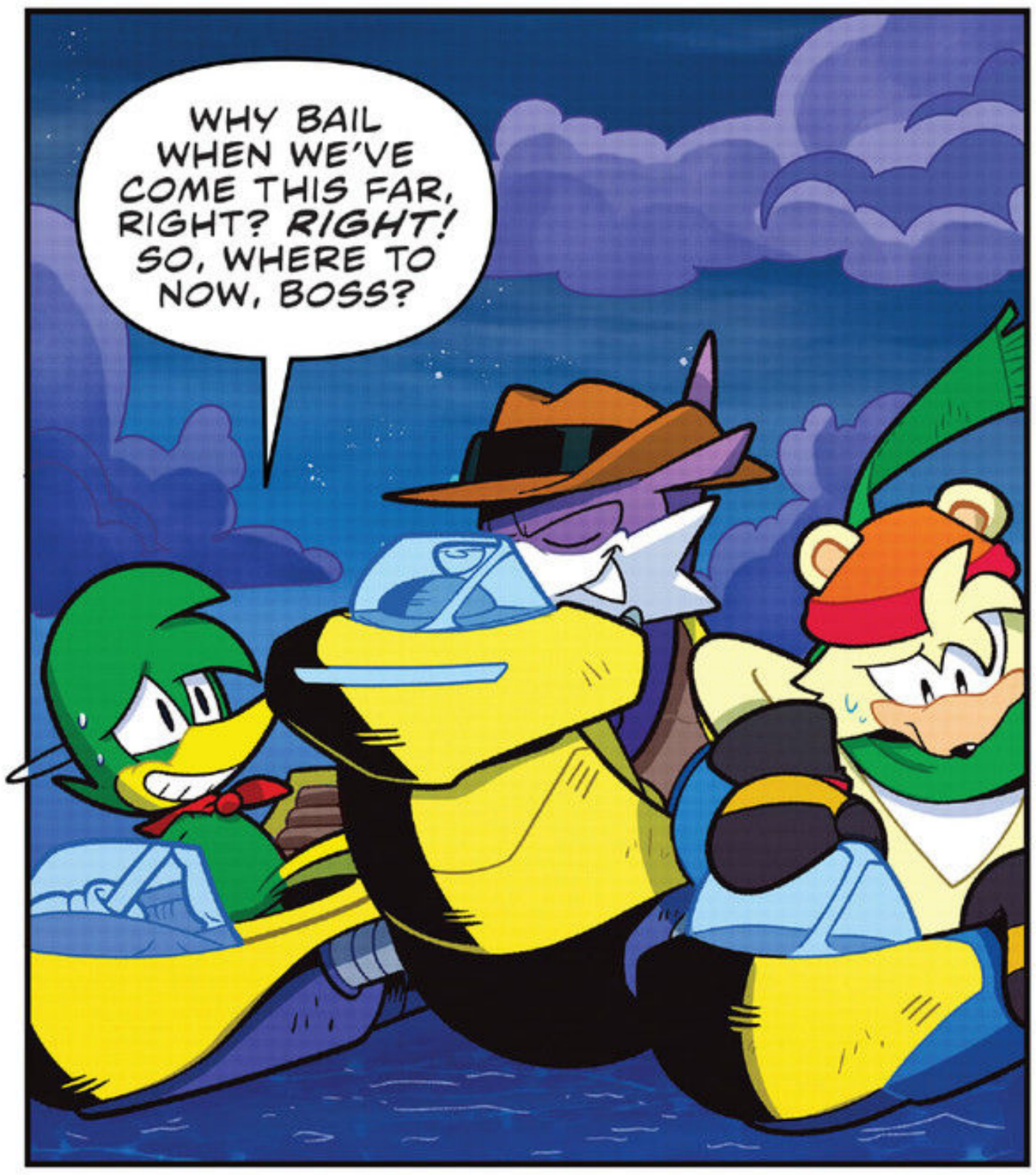

NOW QUIT WASTING MY TIME AND GET OFF MY ISLAND.
GEE, SO WE GOT BEAT UP AND TIED UP FOR NOTHING? THAT'S NEAT!

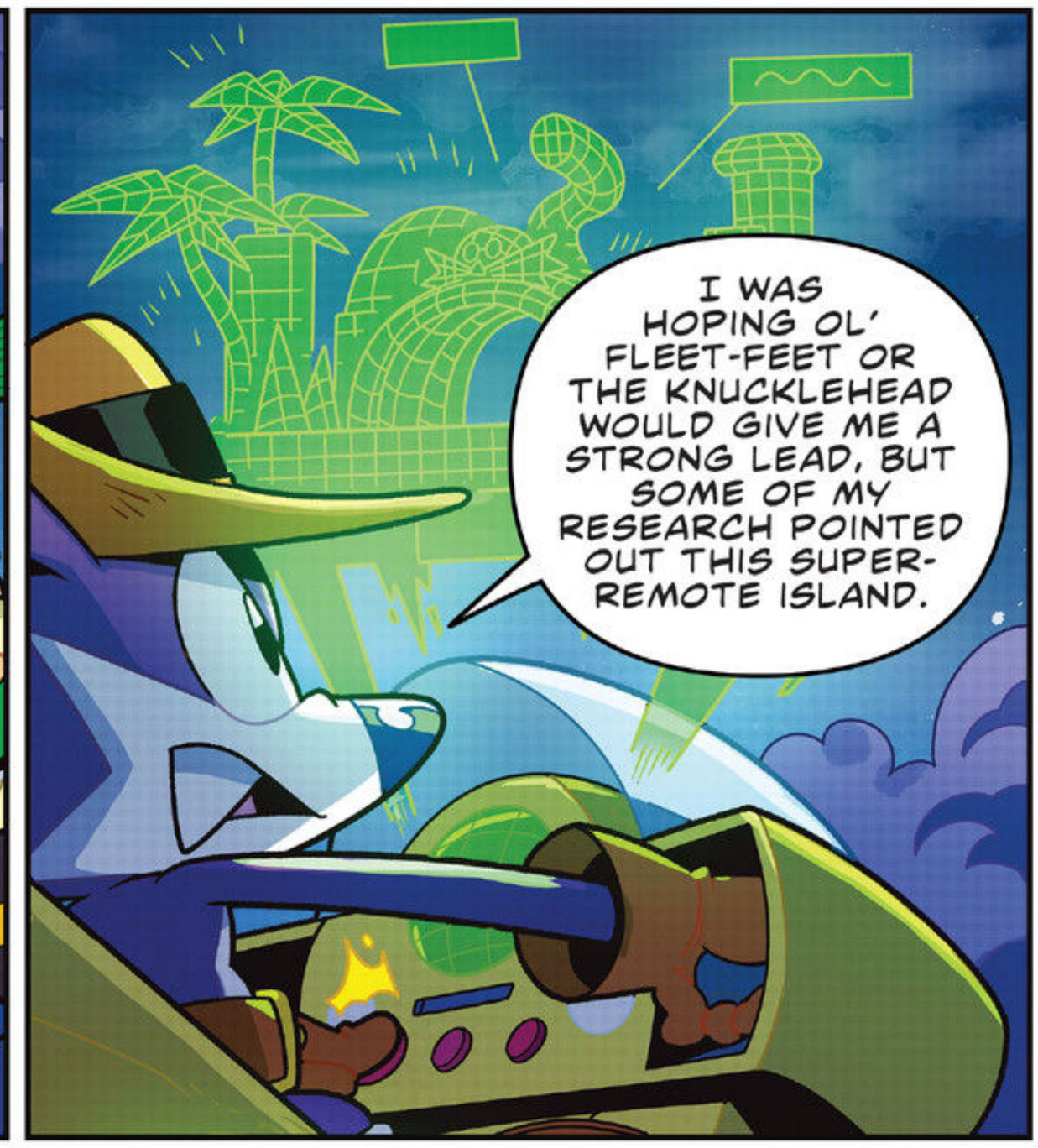

FIRST SONIC, THEN KNUCKLES... WHY ARE THESE SO-CALLED "HEROES" SO IGNORANT?!
FANG?

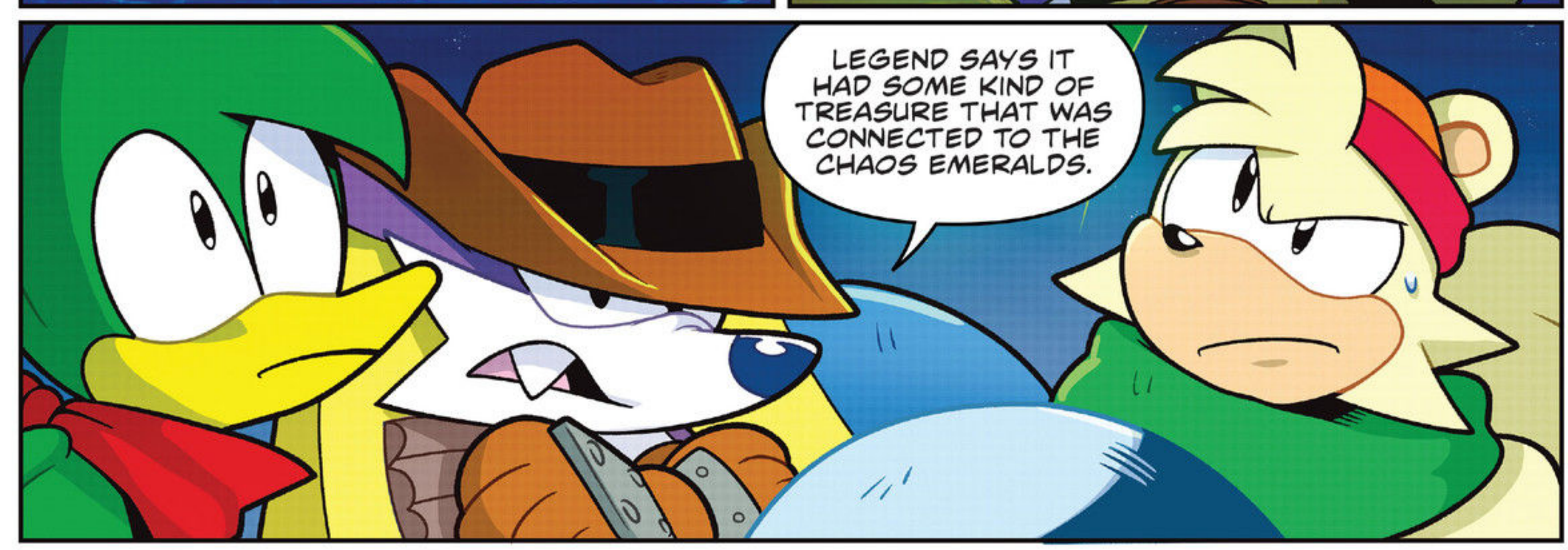

BUDDY?
FRIEND-O?
SUGAR-WUMPUS?
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME. YOU'RE WASTING *OUR* TIME.
EITHER GET US A REAL GIG OR WE'RE OUTTA HERE.

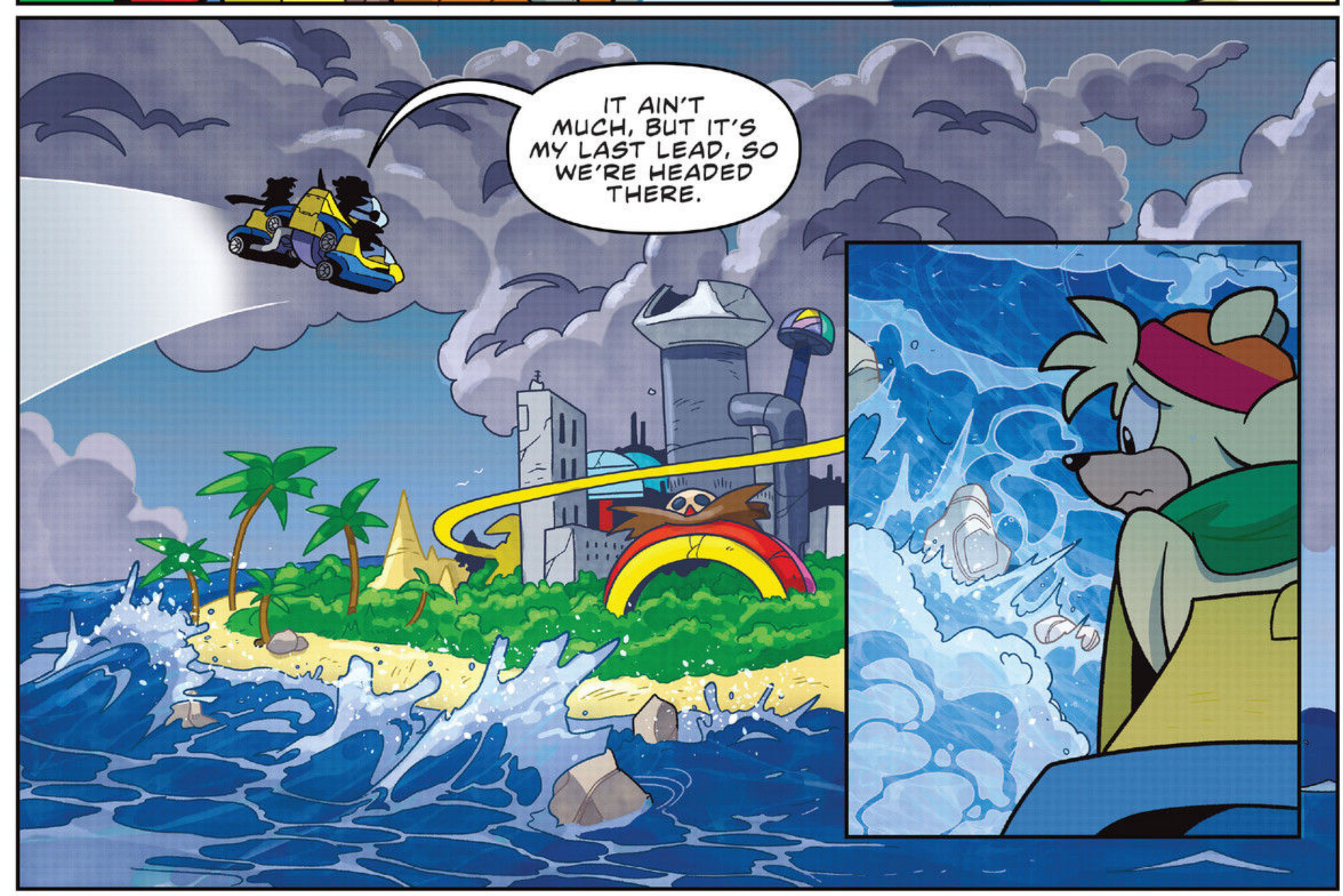

ISSAT RIGHT? BOTH OF YOU?

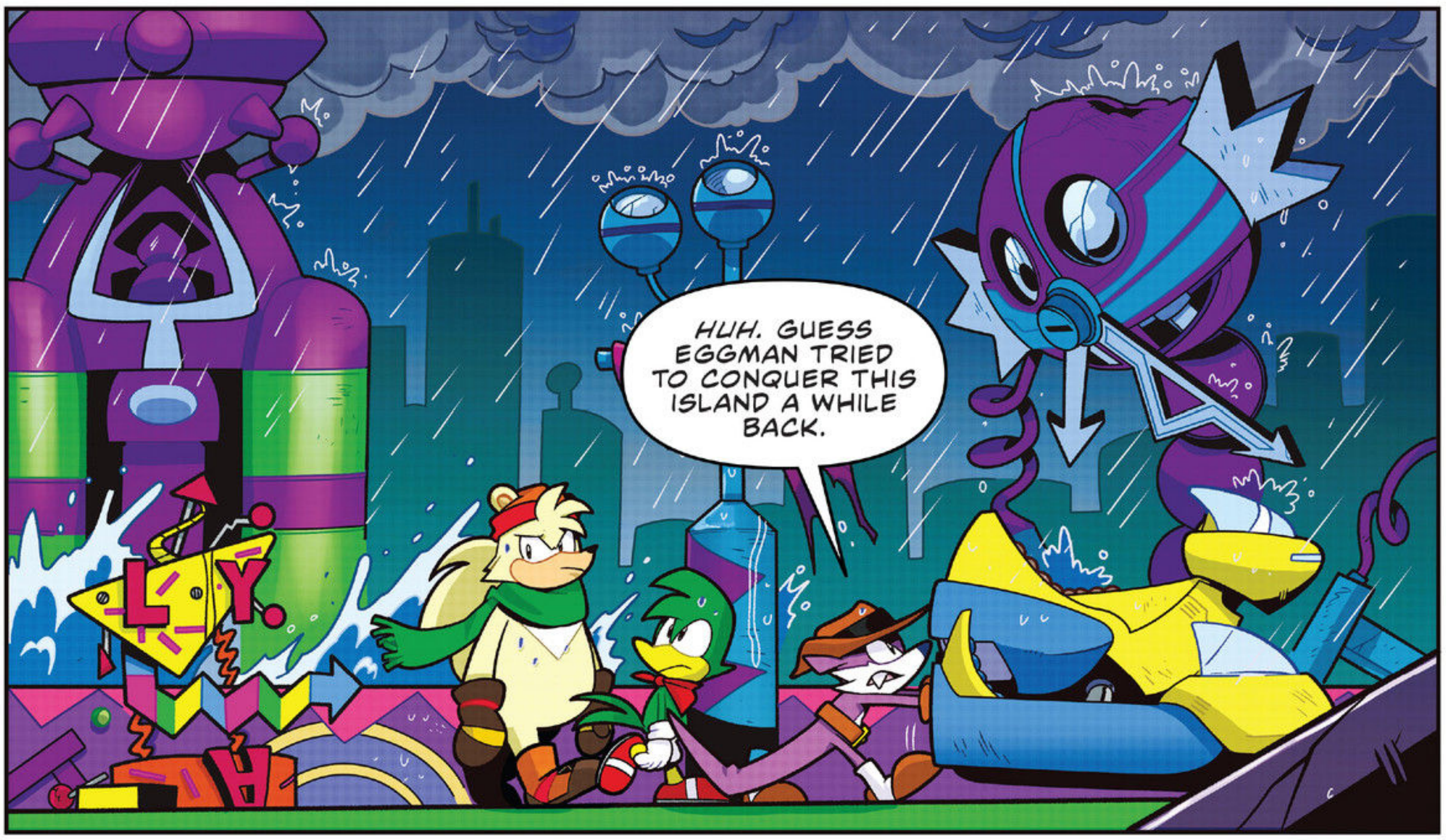
THE *MARVELOUS QUEEN* IS *MY* RIDE. *SHE* GOES WHERE *I* GO. IF YOU MOOKS DON'T WANT TO RIDE ALONG, THEN *HERE'S YOUR STOP.*

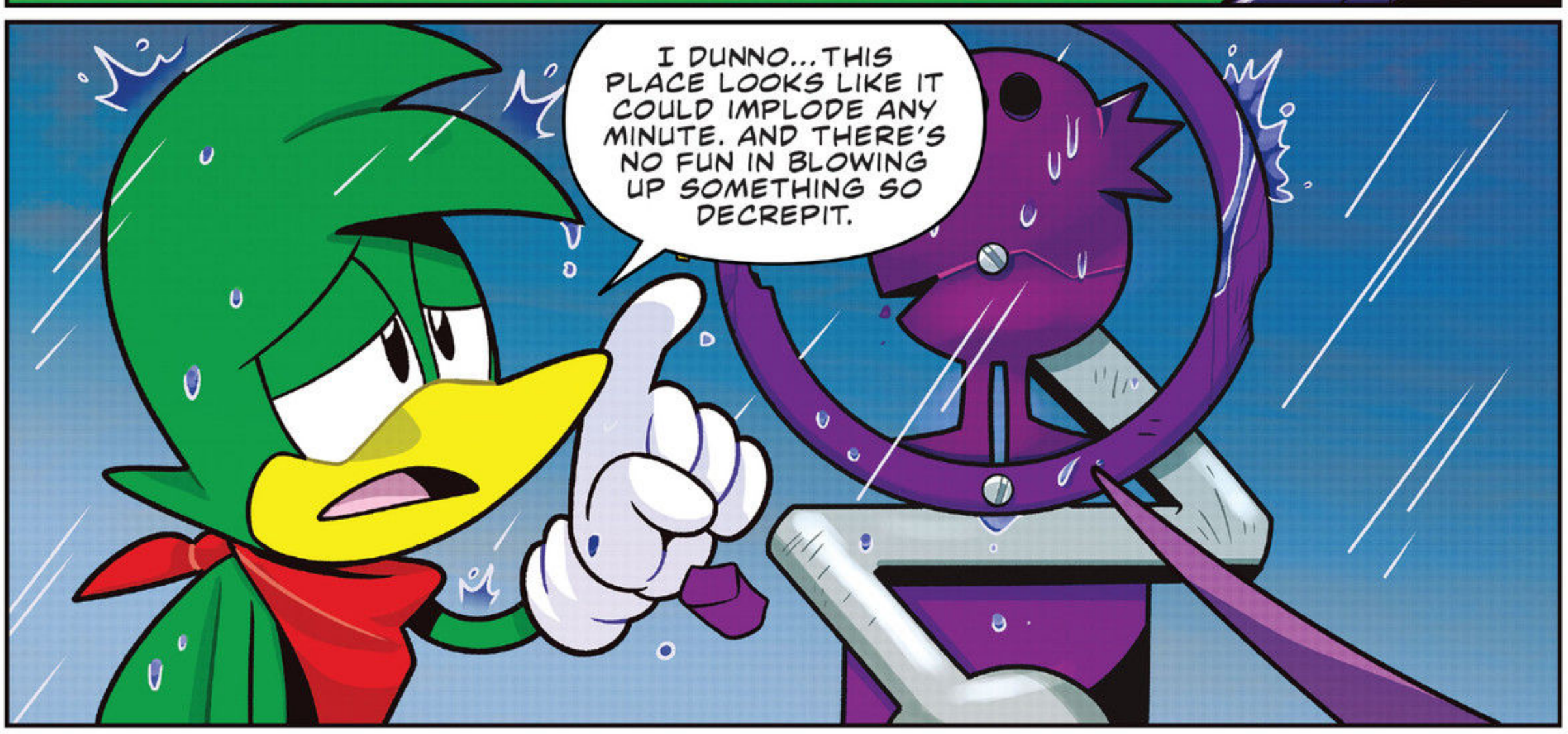

WHY BAIL WHEN WE'VE COME THIS FAR, RIGHT? RIGHT! SO, WHERE TO NOW, BOSS?

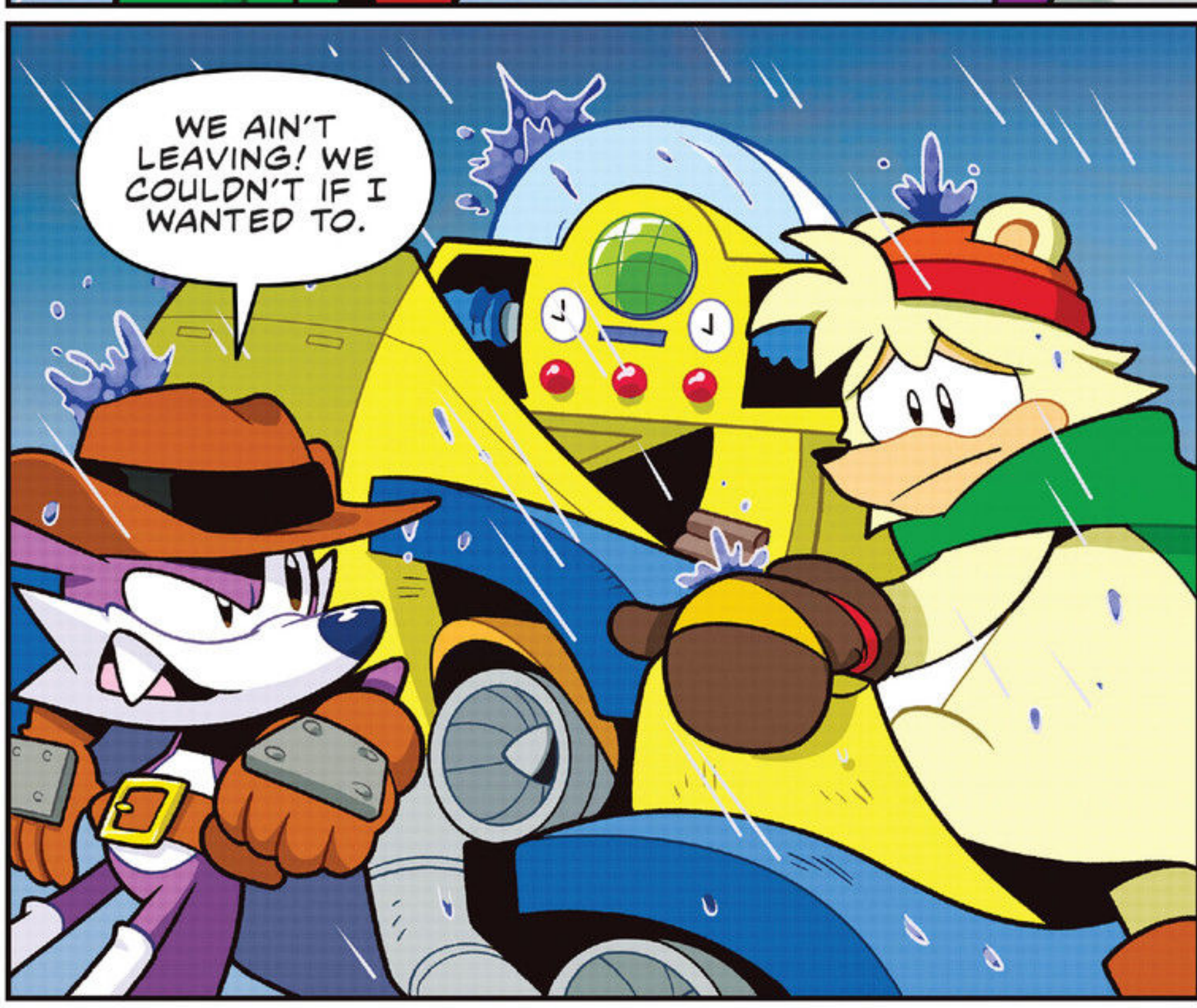

I WAS HOPING OL' FLEET-FEET OR THE KNUCKLEHEAD WOULD GIVE ME A STRONG LEAD, BUT SOME OF MY RESEARCH POINTED OUT THIS SUPER-REMOTE ISLAND.

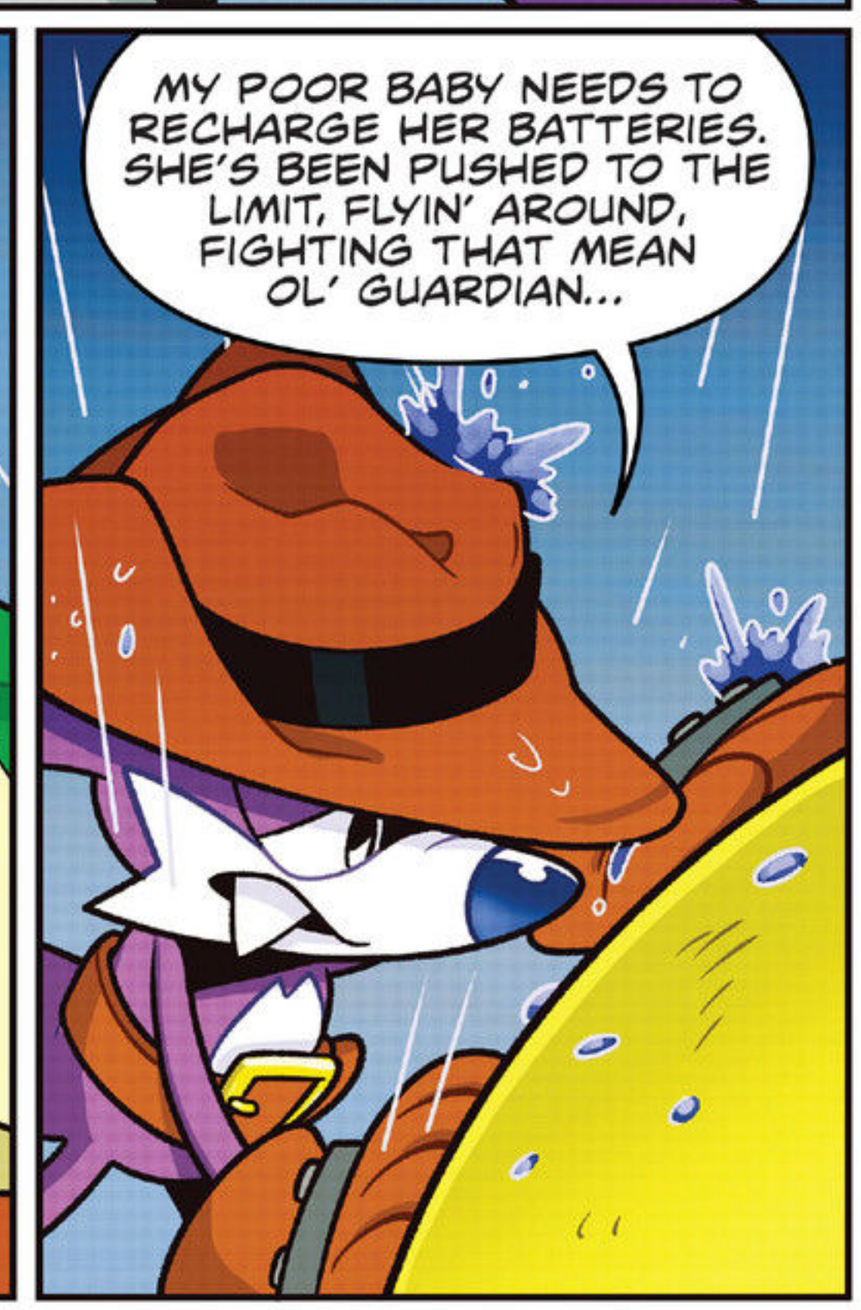

LEGEND SAYS IT HAD SOME KIND OF TREASURE THAT WAS CONNECTED TO THE CHAOS EMERALDS.


IT AIN'T MUCH, BUT IT'S MY LAST LEAD, SO WE'RE HEADED THERE.


HUH. GUESS EGGMAN TRIED TO CONQUER THIS ISLAND A WHILE BACK.


I DUNNO...THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE IT COULD IMPLODE ANY MINUTE. AND THERE'S NO FUN IN BLOWING UP SOMETHING SO DECREPIT.


WE AIN'T LEAVING! WE COULDN'T IF I WANTED TO.

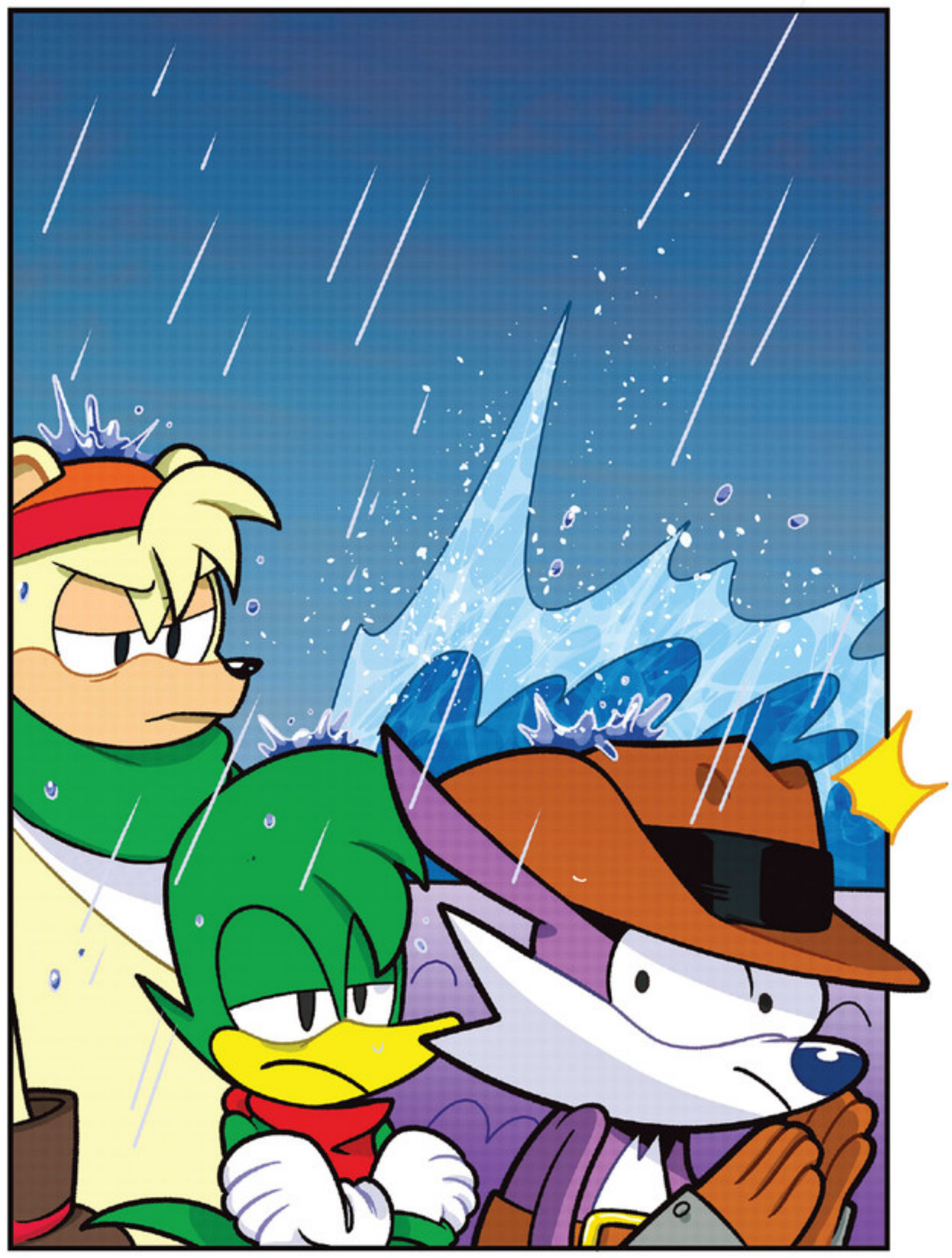

MY POOR BABY NEEDS TO RECHARGE HER BATTERIES. SHE'S BEEN PUSHED TO THE LIMIT, FLYIN' AROUND, FIGHTING THAT MEAN OL' GUARDIAN...

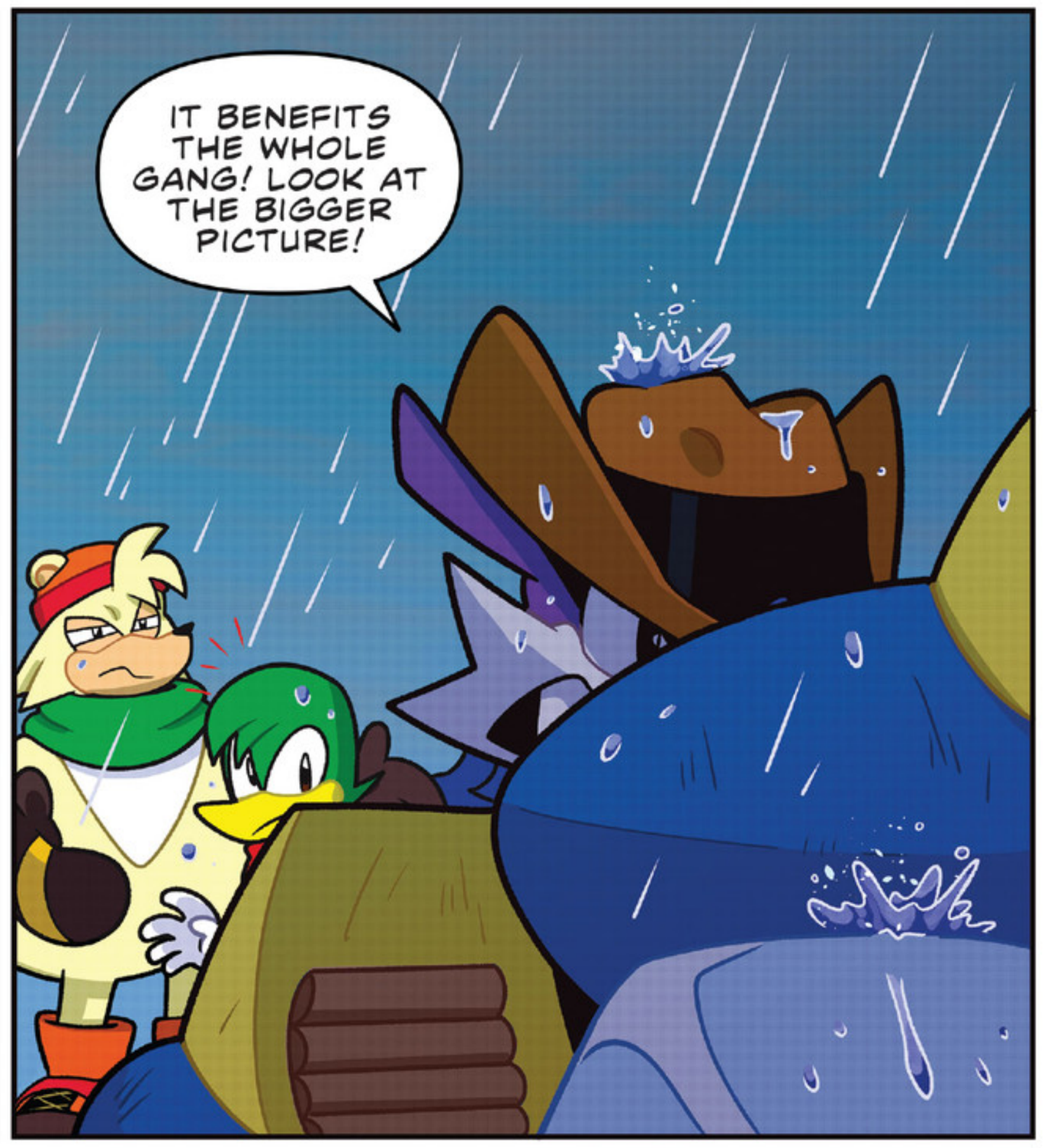
ALL THAT'S GONNA CHANGE ONCE I FIND THAT EIGHTH EMERALD, THOUGH!

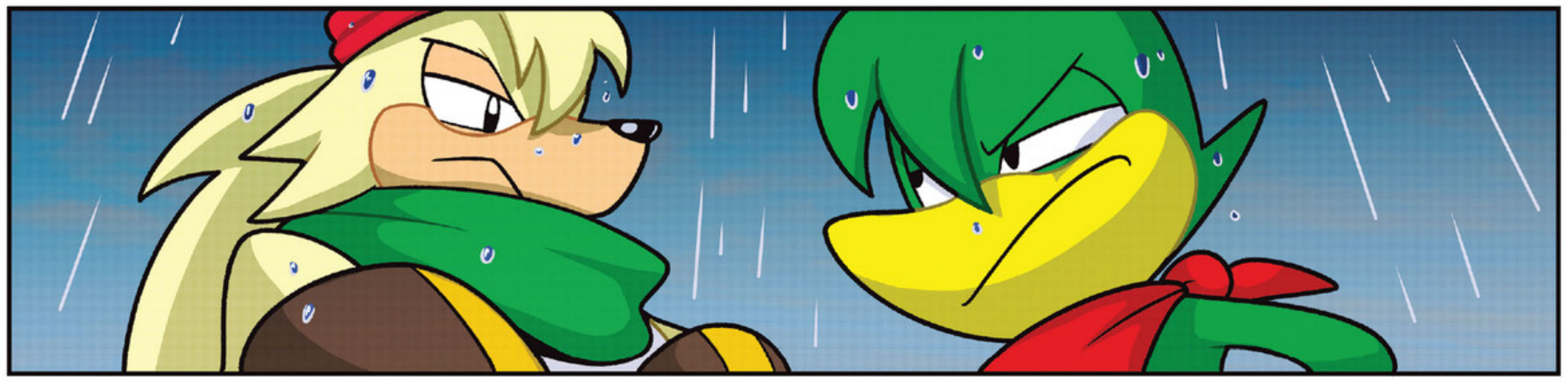
I'LL SELL IT OFF AND GET HER *ALL* THE BEST UPGRADES!

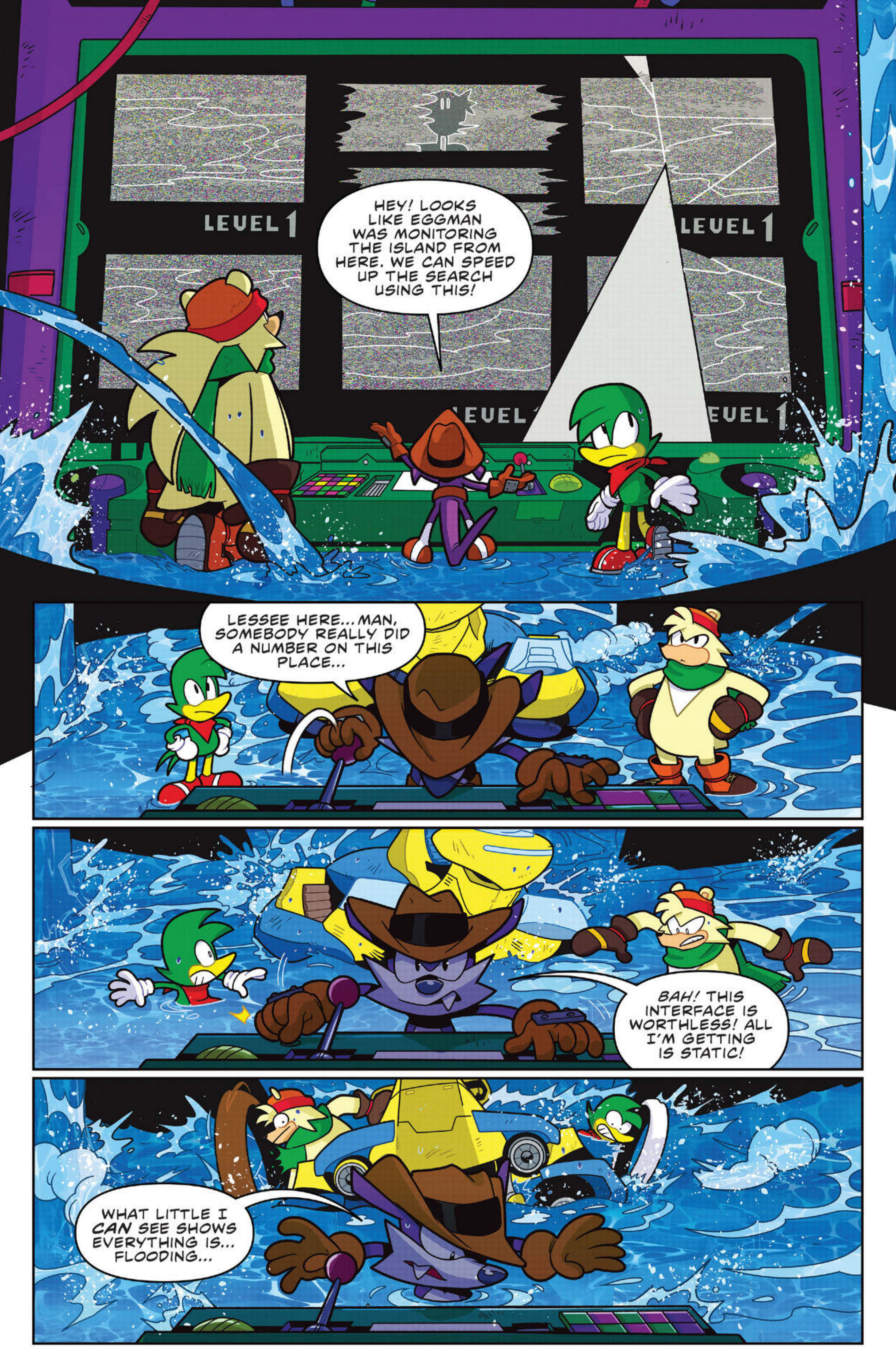
OOH! OR MAYBE I'LL PLUG IT RIGHT INTO HER POWER CORE! THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE INFINITE POWER, RIGHT?

NOTHING BUT THE BEST FOR MY *MARVELOUS QUEEN!*








LEVEL 1
HEY! LOOKS LIKE EGGMAN WAS MONITORING THE ISLAND FROM HERE. WE CAN SPEED UP THE SEARCH USING THIS!
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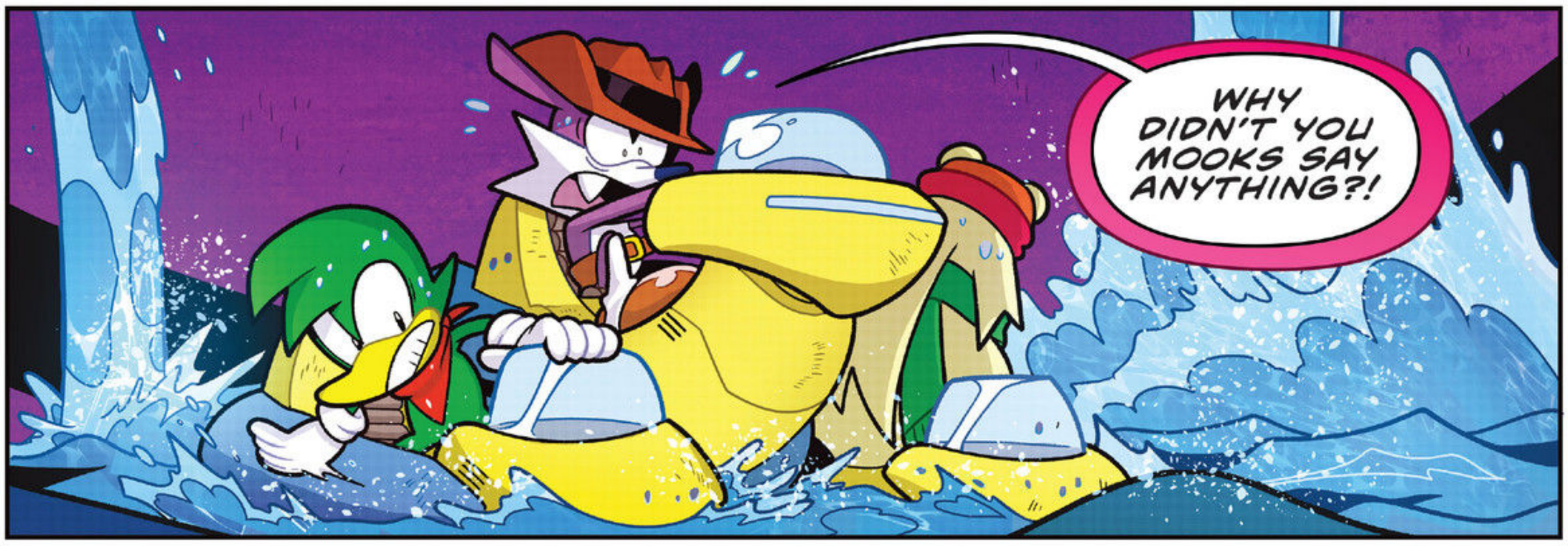
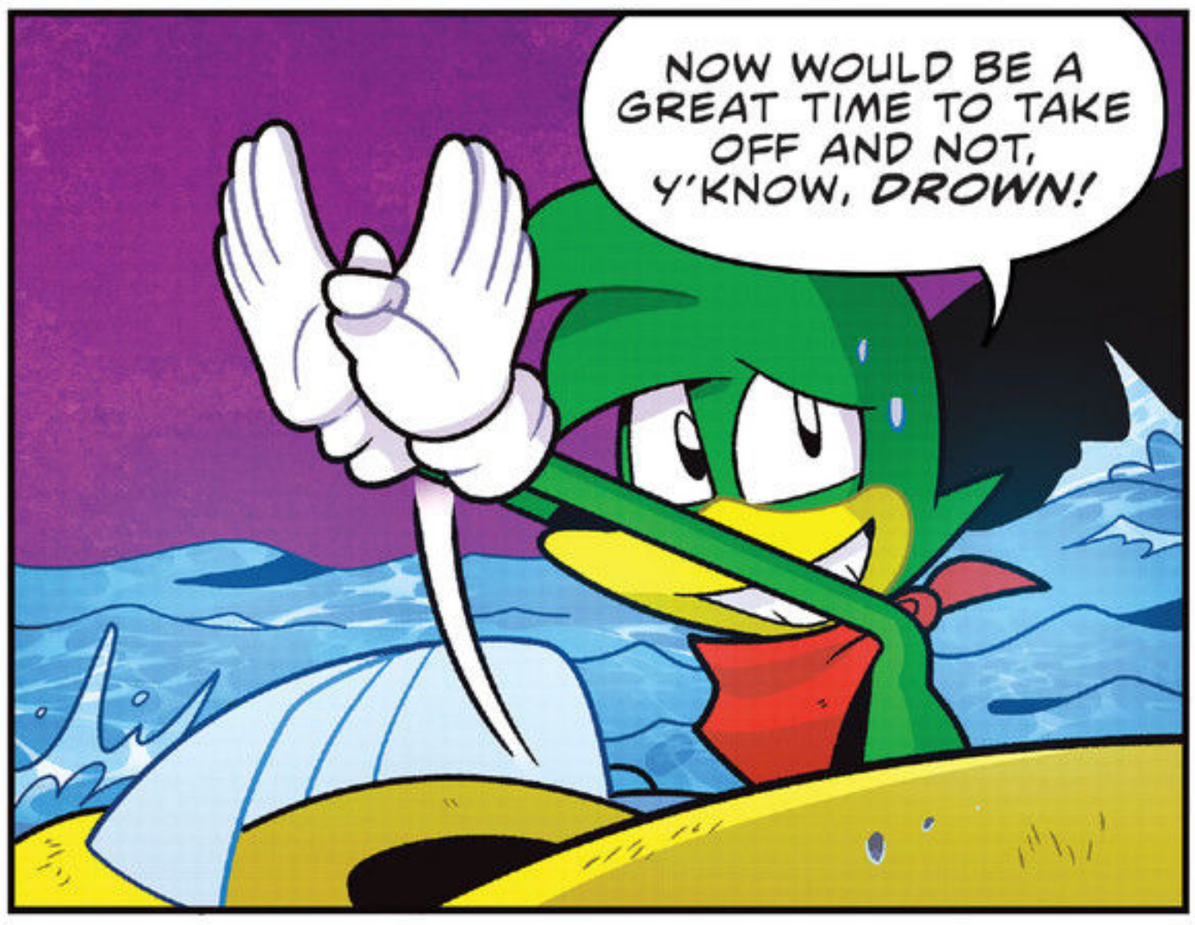
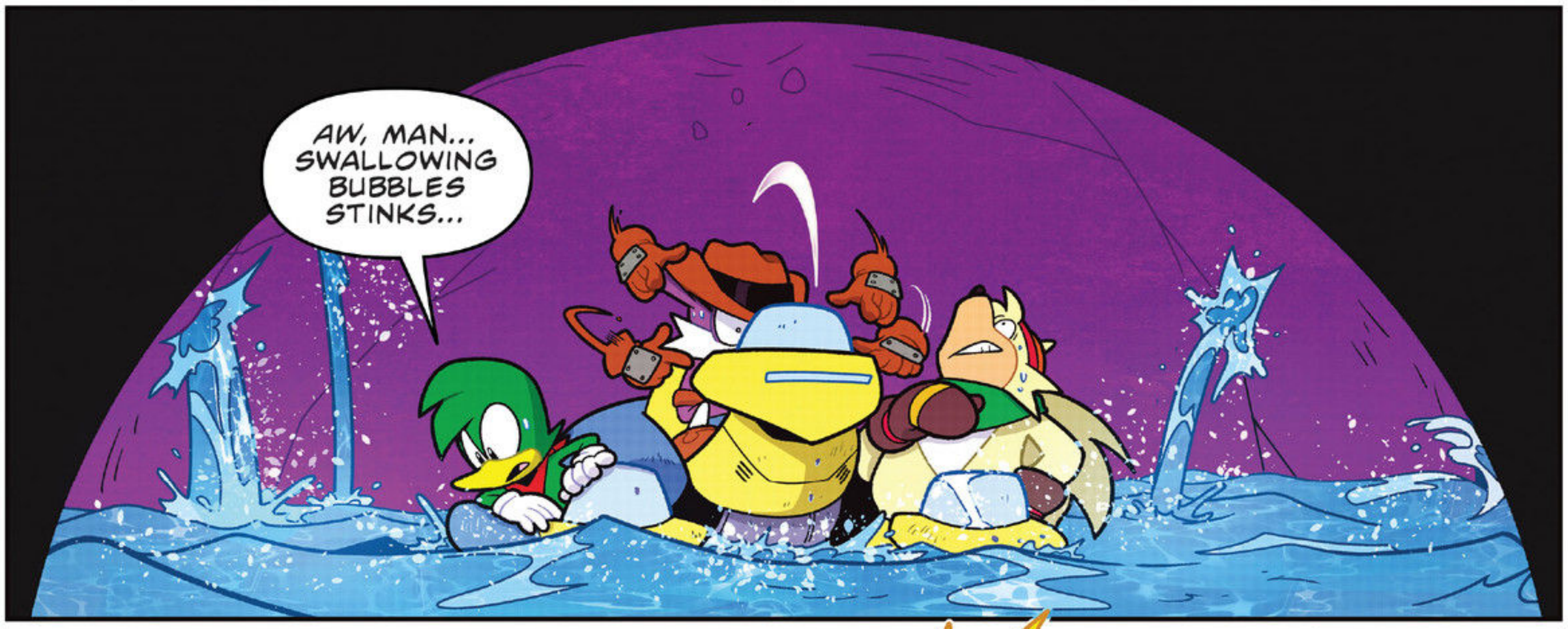
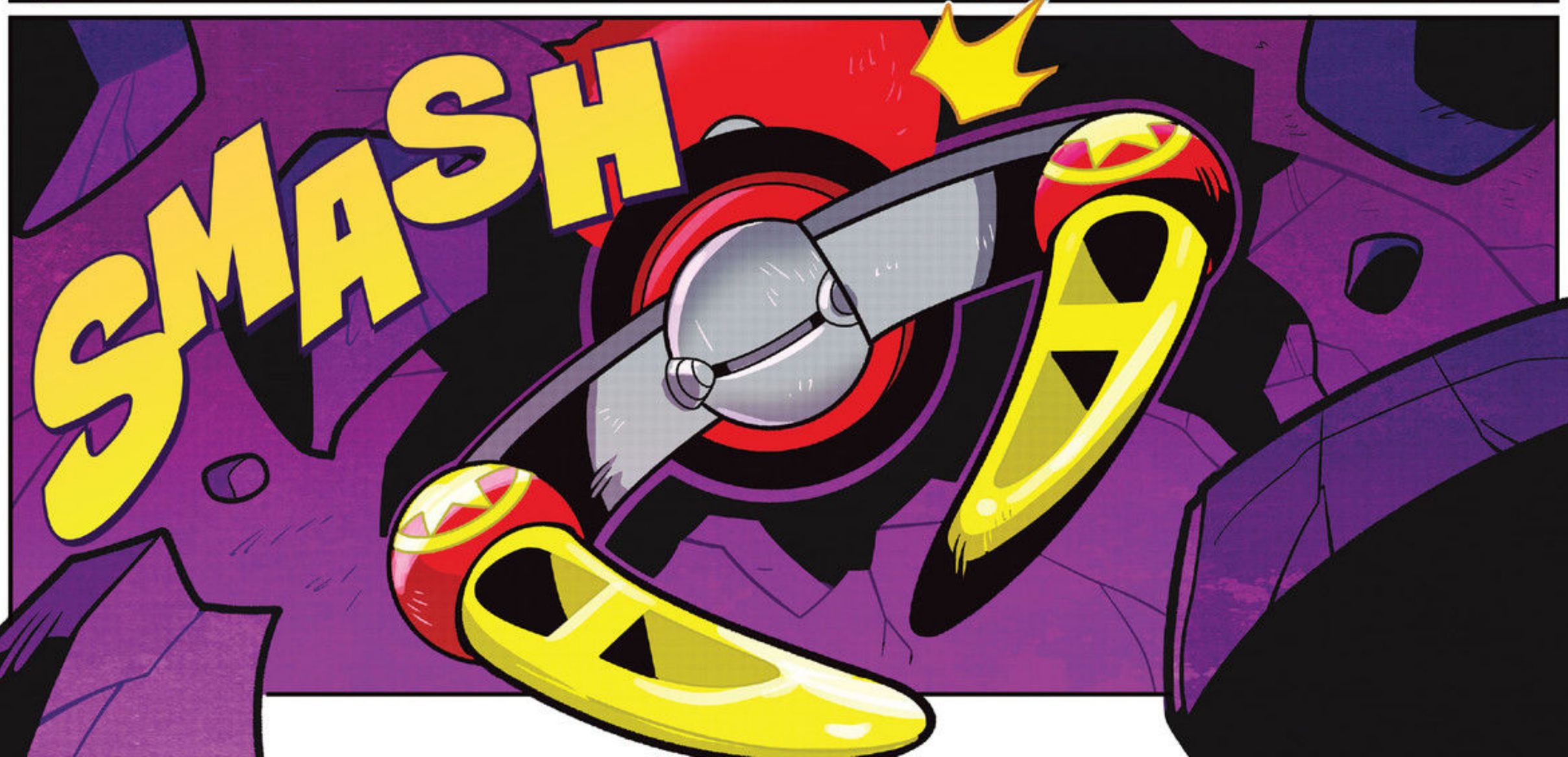
LESSEE HERE... MAN, SOMEBODY REALLY DID A NUMBER ON THIS PLACE...
BAH! THIS INTERFACE IS WORTHLESS! ALL I'M GETTING IS STATIC!
WHAT LITTLE I CAN SEE SHOWS EVERYTHING IS... FLOODING...


WHY DIDN'T YOU MOOKS SAY ANYTHING?!


NOW WOULD BE A GREAT TIME TO TAKE OFF AND NOT, Y'KNOW, DROWN!

THE BATTERIES AREN'T CHARGED ENOUGH! I CAN'T GET HER TO GO!


AW, MAN... SWALLOWING BUBBLES STINKS...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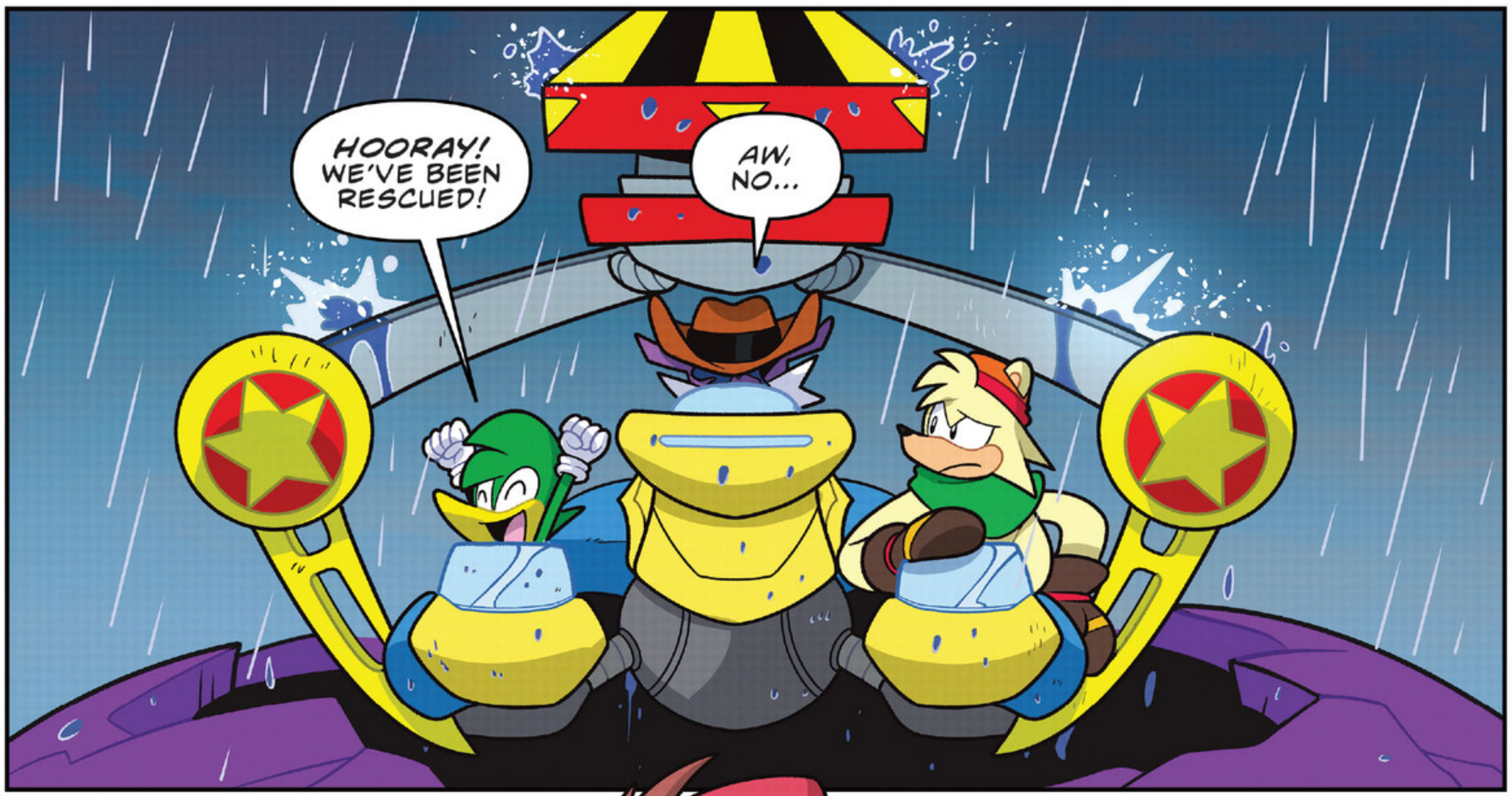

HOORAY! WE'VE BEEN RESCUED!
AW, NO...

WHAT ARE YOU THREE DOING IN MY TERRITORY?
HEY, DOC. FANCY MEETING YOU HERE.
HOORAY. WE'VE BEEN "RESCUED."
NEXT TIME: AT THE MERCY OF DR. EGGMAN!

NEXT MONTH

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Over here, Sonic Squad mooks! The Fang Gang's in a real bind this time, huh? They're no closer to finding the elusive eighth Chaos Emerald, and all their treasure hunting has run them afoul of someone less understanding than Sonic or Knuckles! They're going to have to do some real fast thinking to get out of this one. Thanks for joining Ian Flynn, Thomas Rothlisberger, Rik Mack, Valentina Pinto, and Shawn Lee for another incredible issue! Now, on to the art and letters!

Hello, IDW!

I've been a Sonic fan for a while now (like…at least since I was 5 or 6?), and I've wanted to get a letter sent for the Letters Squad for ages now! It's one of my favourite parts in the *Sonic* comics! And I finally did it four or five years after I started reading (I'm 10 years old! I'll be 11 in April). Anyways, I've attached some colored sketches of one of my favourite villains, Kitsunami! Me and my friend even played a game and coloured our characters to match Surge and Kit once! I'm currently in the process of rereading the comics with my dad. I'm on holidays in Morocco as of the time I'm sending this letter! And I'm going to see some ACTUAL fennec foxes at a reserve here soonish. (Probably will already have happened if my letter is on the Squad, though!) Now, I've got a few questions for you:

1. Is Tumble an Albino? 'Cause the other day I noticed his eyes are red and he's got pale fur!
2. Will Surge and Kit show up soon? They're one of my favourite villain duos!
3. Will there be any comic miniseries or something about Surge and Kit's past?
4. Will there be a Christmas one-shot comic? Or a winter celebrations-related one?
5. (Not really a question more a suggestion but…) This is 'cause I'm also into many other things besides Sonic at the moment but…will there be a crossover of Sonic and something else? (I honestly suggest Ninja Turtles, but probably since I'm into it at the moment!)

That's it for now! I'll probably finish the art of Kit and send the finished version to the Letters Squad later. Anyways, bye!

Keep up making amazing comics! Bye!
Yasmine

Hi, Yasmine,

How was Morocco? That sounds like an awesome place to visit on vacation, and I bet those fennec foxes were super cute! I hope you and your dad are having a good time rereading the comics and that you keep enjoying* Sonic *together. Now, time for some answers!

You are 100% correct that Tumble's color scheme was based on real-life albino skunks, so good eye spotting that! Artist Tyson Hesse was inspired by them as he was working on Tumble's design.

If you're looking for more Surge and Kit, you miiiiiight be interested in picking up* Sonic *#67. The beginning of the story arc is a little before that, but the recap page should get you all caught up if you just want to jump right in!

Some of Surge and Kit's history is briefly revealed back in the* Imposter Syndrome *miniseries (look for issue #3!), but if you're asking if we'll ever learn more of how Dr. Starline found them and who they were before him…I guess we'll all have to wait and see!

We did do a* Sonic *one-shot for the winter holidays! It's called* Sonic the Hedgehog: Winter Jam *and you should be able to find it in your local comic book shop or online retailers!

While I can't say too much about any upcoming crossovers, rest assured that we are always trying to think of new and exciting crossovers to do. (I work on both Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles *and* Sonic, *so I think that idea would be fun as well!)*

Thanks for the questions and for the cool fan art of Kit (plus bonus Surge!).

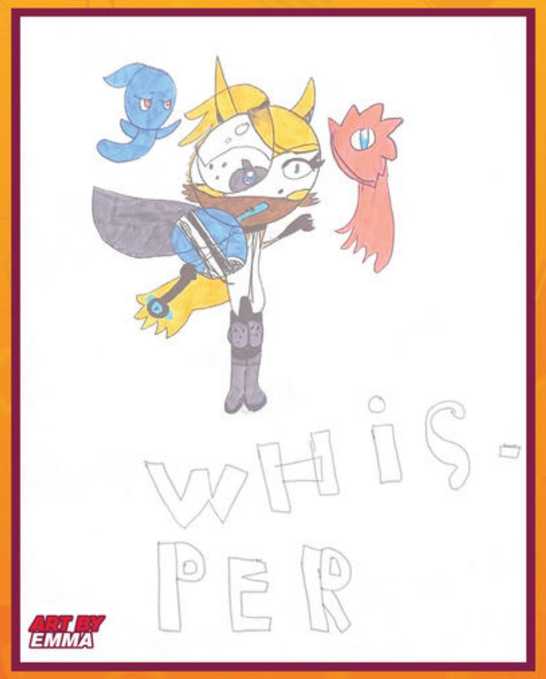
First, I must congratulate on making these splendid and engaging *Sonic* comics. I have not read any *Sonic* comics since I was young in 1995, the art is top-notch and the stories captivating.

Second, the new characters introduced in these comics are inspiring. My two foremost favorites are the pair of antiheroes/villains, Surge and Kit. So I decided to provide some fan art.

Best regards: Markus N

Hi, Markus! It's great to hear how much you've been enjoying our books. I absolutely agree that our creative team is doing fantastic work over here, and I'm glad they were able to get you back reading the comics! Thanks for sending in your art as well. Surge and Kit are such great characters, and they really steal the show when they're around.

Hi, Sonic Team!! My name is Logan, and I've only been in the Sonic fan base for about a year, but I've already learned everything there is to know about it. These comics are absolutely incredible! I've studied the art to help myself improve drawing Sonic characters, and even though the comics tend to get sad—*cough cough* Metal Virus *cough cough*—they always help me through tough times. My favorite character is Silver. I relate to him a lot, but if I had to pick a character from the comics specifically, I'd go with Lanolin. Here's some art of Silver I did a little while ago! Thank you for writing these comics, and I'm looking forward to what comes next!



Hey, Logan! It sounds like you could give our blue speedster a run for his money with the rate you've been learning about* Sonic! *I'm glad you've had such a good time reading this series (even when almost everyone gets infected with a terrible virus and turns into a zombot!). Lanolin is a great character, isn't she? She's really grown a lot because of how much she wants to help people. You drew an awesome picture of Silver, so thank you for writing in and sharing it!

Thanks as always for joining us, Squad mooks! As a special note, we want to bid a fond farewell to editor David Mariotte, who has been working on* Sonic *since the very beginning of the series. You'll still see his name in the credits because of how much he contributed to upcoming issues, but we wanted to thank him for everything and wish him all the best! Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, Fang the Hunter continues as Dr. Eggman gets to the bottom of why the Fang Gang was snooping around on his territory!

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